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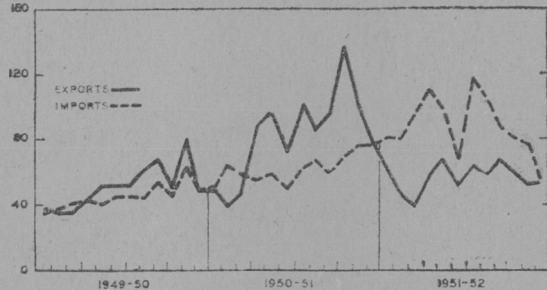
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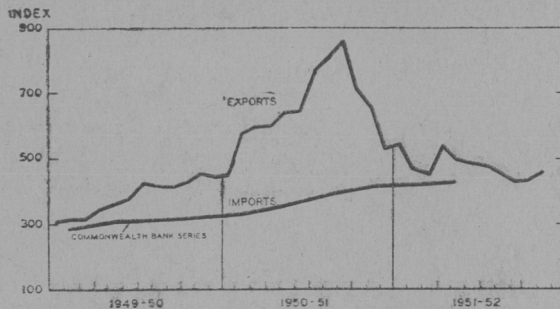
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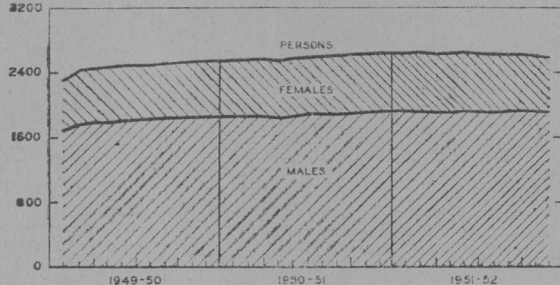
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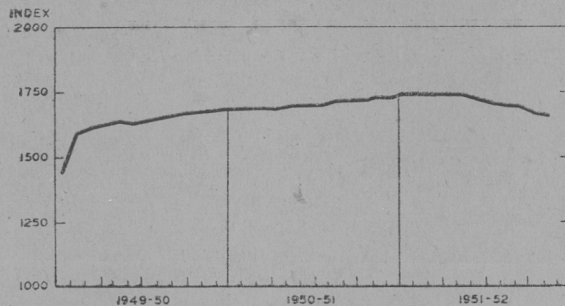
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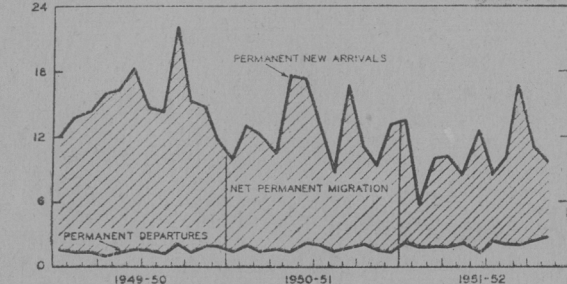
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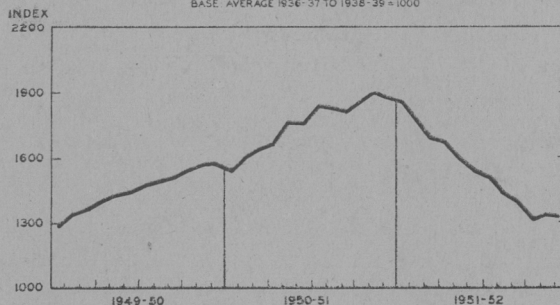
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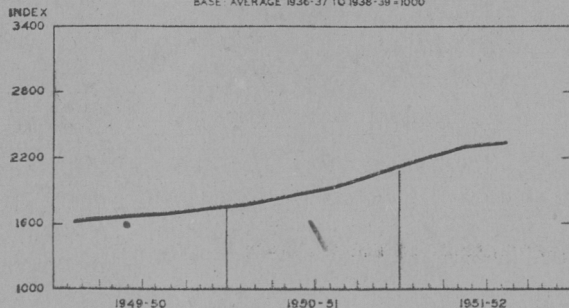
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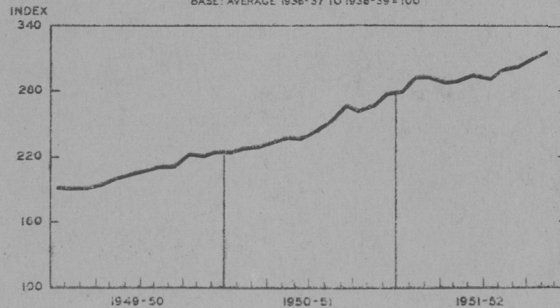
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# WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS)

BASE: AVERAGE 1936-37 TO 1938-39 = 100





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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following table summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

| Period.           | Employment—Australia.   |          |          | Average Weekly Wage Earnings—Australia: Index No. (Base: 1945-46=1,000).(b) | Overseas Trade (Merchandise only). |            | Building Permits(c) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | New Houses Completed.(d) | Production of Black Coal. | Total Electricity Generated. |
|-------------------|---|----------|----------|---|------------------------------------|------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                   | Total—End of Month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces).(a) |          |          |   | Imports.                           | Exports.   |   |                          |                           |                              |
|                   | Males.  | Females. | Total.   |   |                                    |            |   |                          |                           |                              |
|                   | '000.   | '000.    | '000.    |   | £m. f.o.b.                         | £m. f.o.b. | £'000.  | No.                      | '000 tons.                | Million kwh.                 |
| Monthly Averages. |   |          |          |   |                                    |            |   |                          |                           |                              |
| 1932-33 ..        | (e)992  | (e)341   | (e)1,333 | n.a.  | 5.5                                | 8.2        | 565   | n.a.                     | 732                       | 225                          |
| 1936-37 ..        | n.a.  | n.a.     | n.a.     | n.a.  | 8.6                                | 12.4       | 1,986   | n.a.                     | 977                       | 331                          |
| 1937-38 ..        | n.a.  | n.a.     | n.a.     | n.a.  | 10.6                               | 11.8       | 2,307   | n.a.                     | 990                       | 363                          |
| 1938-39 ..        | (f)1,293  | (f)437   | (f)1,730 | n.a.  | 9.4                                | 10.2       | 2,353   | n.a.                     | 1,051                     | 391                          |
| 1945-46 ..        | 1,379   | 602      | 1,981    | 1,000   | 14.8                               | 16.4       | 2,190   | 3,844                    | 1,052                     | 576                          |
| 1946-47 ..        | 1,592   | 610      | 2,202    | 1,037   | 17.4                               | 25.7       | 4,084   | 8,152                    | 1,178                     | 627                          |
| 1947-48 ..        | 1,693   | 635      | 2,328    | 1,164   | 28.2                               | 33.8       | 4,687   | 10,876                   | 1,231                     | 697                          |
| 1948-49 ..        | 1,757   | 656      | 2,413    | 1,322   | 34.5                               | 45.2       | 5,577   | 12,835                   | 1,276                     | 754                          |
| 1949-50 ..        | 1,810   | 675      | 2,485    | 1,451   | 44.7                               | 51.1       | 7,129   | 13,871                   | 1,243                     | 792                          |
| 1950-51 ..        | 1,882   | 707      | 2,589    | 1,742   | 61.8                               | 81.8       | 10,426  | 16,861                   | 1,369                     | 875                          |
| 1951-52 ..        |   |          |          |   | 87.5                               | 55.8       |   |                          |                           |                              |
| Monthly Totals.   |   |          |          |   |                                    |            |   |                          |                           |                              |
| 1949-50—          |   |          |          |   |                                    |            |   |                          |                           |                              |
| April ..          | 1,846   | 686      | 2,532    | 1,488   | 43.9                               | 50.1       | 6,716   | 14,873                   | 1,199                     | 791                          |
| May ..            | 1,855   | 689      | 2,544    | 1,533   | 61.7                               | 77.8       | 10,043  |                          | 1,602                     | 921                          |
| June ..           | 1,859   | 688      | 2,547    | 1,538   | 48.2                               | 47.6       | 9,198   |                          | 1,301                     | 924                          |
| 1950-51—          |   |          |          |   |                                    |            |   |                          |                           |                              |
| July ..           | 1,858   | 690      | 2,548    | 1,568   | 50.6                               | 49.2       | 9,117   | 16,217                   | 1,379                     | 955                          |
| August ..         | 1,864   | 691      | 2,555    | 1,590   | 64.0                               | 38.5       | 10,026  |                          | 1,605                     | 952                          |
| September         | 1,868   | 696      | 2,564    | 1,606   | 56.9                               | 46.4       | 9,602   |                          | 1,487                     | 881                          |
| October..         | 1,844   | 700      | (g)2,544 | 1,612   | 54.7                               | 86.7       | 9,800   | 18,624                   | 1,529                     | 878                          |
| November          | 1,864   | 708      | (g)2,572 | 1,626   | 57.7                               | 95.8       | 10,783  |                          | 1,519                     | 843                          |
| December          | 1,884   | 712      | 2,596    | 1,711   | 49.6                               | 72.2       | 7,369   |                          | 1,175                     | 806                          |
| January ..        | 1,887   | 703      | 2,590    | 1,816   | 62.2                               | 98.8       | 9,599   | 15,123                   | 1,797                     | 815                          |
| February          | 1,895   | 713      | 2,608    | 1,817   | 67.4                               | 85.1       | 10,095  |                          | 1,153                     | 799                          |
| March ..          | 1,897   | 716      | 2,613    | 1,811   | 58.4                               | 94.6       | 10,867  |                          | 1,313                     | 854                          |
| April ..          | 1,905   | 718      | 2,623    | 1,859   | 68.1                               | 136.0      | 13,979  | 17,480                   | 1,443                     | 872                          |
| May ..            | 1,910   | 719      | 2,629    | 1,925   | 76.0                               | 98.7       | 12,942  |                          | 1,526                     | 923                          |
| June ..           | 1,911   | 719      | 2,630    | 1,961   | 75.8                               | 79.7       | 11,833  |                          | 1,484                     | 927                          |
| 1951-52—          |   |          |          |   |                                    |            |   |                          |                           |                              |
| July ..           | 1,913   | 720      | 2,633    | 1,968   | 80.7                               | 58.3       | 11,792  | 18,343                   | 1,652                     | 997                          |
| August ..         | 1,912   | 722      | 2,634    | 2,025   | 80.2                               | 45.9       | 12,906  |                          | 1,739                     | 1,004                        |
| September         | 1,907   | 721      | 2,628    | 2,066   | 94.9                               | 39.1       | 10,187  |                          | 1,571                     | 912                          |
| October           | 1,909   | 722      | 2,631    | 2,103   | 111.1                              | 57.3       | 11,184  | 20,651                   | 1,855                     | 948                          |
| November          | 1,919   | 724      | 2,643    | 2,117   | 97.6                               | 66.9       | 9,384   |                          | 1,759                     | 936                          |
| December          | 1,916   | 721      | 2,637    | 2,166   | 68.3                               | 49.7       | 7,788   |                          | 1,317                     | 871                          |
| January ..        | 1,917   | 711      | 2,628    | 2,134   | 113.8                              | 64.4       | 7,612   | 18,312                   | 1,061                     | 884                          |
| February          | 1,921   | 707      | 2,628    | 2,190   | 105.9                              | 56.8       | 8,287   |                          | 1,653                     | 905                          |
| March ..          | 1,924   | 704      | 2,628    | 2,225   | 85.4                               | 66.9       | 8,248   |                          | 1,743                     | 949                          |
| April ..          | 1,920   | 694      | 2,614    | 2,241   | 81.4                               | 59.5       | 8,593   |                          | 1,594                     | 914                          |
| May ..            | 1,915   | 688      | 2,603    | 2,237   | 75.3                               | 51.9       | 9,306   |                          | 1,737                     |                              |
| June ..           |   |          |          |   | 54.8                               | 52.7       |   |                          |                           |                              |

(a) Total number of wage or salary earners in employment excluding employees in the defence forces at home or abroad and Government "relief" workers. Figures for June, 1933, July, 1939, and June, 1943, were obtained from the Census, National Register and Civilian Register respectively. (b) Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate rates of female to male earnings. Seasonally adjusted. (c) All building operations for which permits granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see footnote, page 27). (d) Including owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. (e) June, 1933. (f) July, 1939. (g) Affected by industrial disputes.

# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

| Period.           | Production of Ingot Steel.(a) | New Motor Vehicles Registered.(b) |                      | Mainland State Railways Gross Revenue. | P.M.G.'s Department Receipts. (c) | Wholesale Trade—Australia: Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts. | Private Trading Banks. (Weekly Averages). |           | Bank Debits to Customer's Accounts (Weekly Averages). |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|-----------|---|
|                   |                               | Motor Cars.                       | Commercial Vehicles. |  |                                   |   | Deposits.                                 | Advances. |   |
|                   | '000 tons.                    | '000.                             | '000.                | £'000.                                 | £'000.                            | £m.   | £m.                                       | £m.       | £m.   |
| Monthly Averages. |                               |                                   |                      |  |                                   |   |   |           |   |
| 1932-33 .. ..     | 32.7                          | 1.0                               | 0.3                  | 3,017                                  | 1,053                             | 29.1  | 269.9                                     | 231.0     | n.a.  |
| 1936-37 .. ..     | 89.4                          | 4.0                               | 2.0                  | 3,407                                  | 1,318                             | 37.2  | 297.6                                     | 262.5     | n.a.  |
| 1937-38 .. ..     | 96.5                          | 4.6                               | 2.3                  | 3,632                                  | 1,396                             | 40.6  | 314.8                                     | 274.4     | n.a.  |
| 1938-39 .. ..     | 97.4                          | 4.5                               | 2.1                  | 3,580                                  | 1,447                             | 39.8  | 317.7                                     | 288.1     | n.a.  |
| 1945-46 .. ..     | 87.9                          | 0.2                               | 0.7                  | 5,576                                  | 2,371                             | 55.7  | 606.4                                     | 212.2     | 122.4   |
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 109.3                         | 1.8                               | 1.4                  | 5,303                                  | 2,484                             | 66.8  | 636.6                                     | 261.1     | 148.9   |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 111.9                         | 3.6                               | 2.4                  | (d)6,376                               | 2,616                             | 79.5  | 673.5                                     | 329.9     | 175.9   |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 98.0                          | 5.5                               | 3.1                  | 7,174                                  | 2,776                             | 93.4  | 776.4                                     | 368.6     | 212.8   |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 101.1                         | 9.6                               | 4.8                  | 7,702                                  | 3,196                             | 110.2   | 910.1                                     | 403.9     | 271.1   |
| 1950-51 .. ..     | 117.7                         | 10.6                              | 6.5                  | 8,834                                  | 3,732                             | 140.5   | 1,144.2                                   | 479.3     | 372.9   |
| 1951-52 .. ..     |                               |                                   |                      |  | 4,948                             |   | 1,201.7                                   | 621.4     | 402.4   |
| Monthly Totals.   |                               |                                   |                      |  |                                   |   |   |           |   |
| 1949-50—          |                               |                                   |                      |  |                                   |   |   |           |   |
| June .. ..        | 122.0                         | 12.5                              | 6.0                  | 8,438                                  | 3,550                             | 126.6   | 1,004.9                                   | 427.2     | 307.8   |
| 1950-51—          |                               |                                   |                      |  |                                   |   |   |           |   |
| July .. ..        | 104.3                         | 11.9                              | 6.4                  | 7,679                                  | 3,021                             | 117.8   | 997.8                                     | 440.5     | 318.5   |
| August .. ..      | 125.1                         | 13.4                              | 7.6                  | 8,895                                  | 3,595                             | 130.1   | 983.4                                     | 444.1     | 282.7   |
| September .. ..   | 135.9                         | 11.8                              | 7.2                  | 8,816                                  | 3,276                             | 132.3   | 1,002.3                                   | 449.2     | 317.5   |
| October .. ..     | 133.0                         | 11.9                              | 7.5                  | 7,732                                  | 3,604                             | 146.0   | 1,057.1                                   | 465.0     | 353.1   |
| November .. ..    | 131.2                         | 11.8                              | 8.0                  | 6,838                                  | 3,563                             | 137.7   | 1,096.5                                   | 476.5     | 371.5   |
| December .. ..    | 118.1                         | 9.9                               | 6.0                  | 8,480                                  | 3,996                             | 133.9   | 1,133.5                                   | 490.5     | 395.8   |
| January .. ..     | 92.9                          | 7.7                               | 5.0                  | 9,323                                  | 3,574                             | 119.9   | 1,159.1                                   | 482.0     | 346.3   |
| February .. ..    | 97.5                          | 10.1                              | 5.9                  | 8,702                                  | 3,710                             | 143.4   | 1,198.2                                   | 495.3     | 410.7   |
| March .. ..       | 107.3                         | 10.0                              | 6.4                  | 9,144                                  | 3,695                             | 151.1   | 1,285.1                                   | 507.2     | 406.5   |
| April .. ..       | 129.2                         | 9.7                               | 5.9                  | 9,400                                  | 4,099                             | 154.7   | 1,297.0                                   | 502.3     | 439.7   |
| May .. ..         | 116.0                         | 10.6                              | 6.5                  | 10,234                                 | 4,361                             | 159.2   | 1,291.8                                   | 496.9     | 427.3   |
| June .. ..        | 114.9                         | 8.5                               | 5.6                  | 10,761                                 | 4,284                             | 160.0   | 1,237.7                                   | 509.5     | 421.0   |
| 1951-52—          |                               |                                   |                      |  |                                   |   |   |           |   |
| July .. ..        | 111.7                         | 10.7                              | 7.0                  | 10,129                                 | 4,346                             | 162.1   | 1,204.3                                   | 527.6     | 413.5   |
| August .. ..      | 138.5                         | 13.6                              | 9.4                  | 10,697                                 | 4,555                             | 172.6   | 1,190.6                                   | 541.6     | 361.6   |
| September .. ..   | 132.3                         | 10.8                              | 6.3                  | 10,037                                 | 4,090                             | 172.1   | 1,177.3                                   | 568.5     | 379.3   |
| October .. ..     | 123.7                         | 12.1                              | 6.5                  | 11,438                                 | 5,203                             | 168.0   | 1,179.2                                   | 593.8     | 420.9   |
| November .. ..    | 136.2                         | 11.9                              | 6.8                  | 12,635                                 | 4,775                             | 177.4   | 1,190.7                                   | 620.7     | 422.2   |
| December .. ..    | 134.1                         | 9.9                               | 5.4                  | 11,701                                 | 5,309                             | p156.1  | 1,242.4                                   | 624.8     | 448.8   |
| January .. ..     | 137.1                         | 8.2                               | 4.6                  | 12,167                                 | 4,840                             | p149.4  | 1,218.3                                   | 638.6     | 375.5   |
| February .. ..    | 125.6                         | 9.6                               | 5.3                  | 12,420                                 | 5,023                             |   | 1,228.5                                   | 654.6     | 414.7   |
| March .. ..       | 134.6                         | 59                                | 5.9                  | 12,168                                 | 4,940                             |   | 1,241.3                                   | 664.1     | 400.7   |
| April .. ..       | 115.2                         | 10.2                              | 5.4                  |  | 4,834                             |   | 1,246.6                                   | 667.9     | 401.2   |
| May .. ..         | 89.1                          |                                   |                      |  | 5,798                             |   | 1,182.0                                   | 675.6     | 403.2   |
| June .. ..        |                               |                                   |                      |  | 5,657                             |   | 1,122.9                                   | 691.2     | 399.7   |

(a) Excludes a very small amount produced outside New South Wales.  
metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

(c) Actual collections.

(b) Excludes Northern Territory; also extra-  
(d) From July, 1947, covers all State and



# POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

| Period.             |      |    | Marriages. | Births. | Deaths. | Natural Increase.(a) | Net Migration.(b) | Total Increase.(c) | Population at end of Period. |
|---------------------|------|----|------------|---------|---------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Quarterly Averages. |      |    |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| 1936-37             | ..   | .. | 14,627     | 29,634  | 16,129  | 13,505               | 496               | 14,291             | 6,835,536                    |
| 1937-38             | ..   | .. | 15,529     | 29,924  | 16,170  | 13,754               | 1,676             | 15,751             | 6,898,541                    |
| 1938-39             | ..   | .. | 15,279     | 30,636  | 17,023  | 13,613               | 3,339             | 17,303             | 6,967,754                    |
| 1944-45             | ..   | .. | 16,275     | 39,901  | 17,305  | 22,596               | — 730             | 20,495             | 7,391,692                    |
| 1945-46             | ..   | .. | 18,051     | 39,002  | 18,048  | 20,954               | —2,441            | 18,366             | 7,465,157                    |
| 1946-47             | ..   | .. | 19,399     | 48,072  | 18,401  | 29,671               | —1,611            | 28,550             | 7,579,358                    |
| 1947-48             | ..   | .. | 19,008     | 44,252  | 18,876  | 25,376               | 7,341             | 32,717             | 7,710,228                    |
| 1948-49             | ..   | .. | 18,498     | 44,149  | 19,041  | 25,108               | 25,287            | 50,395             | 7,911,806                    |
| 1949-50             | ..   | .. | 18,558     | 47,048  | 19,001  | 28,047               | 40,387            | 68,434             | 8,185,541                    |
| 1950-51             | ..   | .. | 19,211     | 48,114  | 19,896  | 28,218               | 33,244            | 61,462             | 8,431,391                    |
| Quarterly Totals.   |      |    |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| 1948-49—            |      |    |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| December            | Qtr. | .. | 20,038     | 44,997  | 18,042  | 26,955               | 21,950            | 48,905             | 7,794,880                    |
| March               | ..   | .. | 18,739     | 43,636  | 16,298  | 27,338               | 25,688            | 53,026             | 7,847,906                    |
| June                | ..   | .. | 18,987     | 43,607  | 18,885  | 24,722               | 39,178            | 63,900             | 7,911,806                    |
| 1949-50—            |      |    |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| September           | ..   | .. | 15,450     | 47,405  | 22,219  | 25,186               | 35,671            | 60,857             | 7,972,663                    |
| December            | ..   | .. | 19,823     | 46,613  | 17,858  | 28,755               | 49,464            | 78,219             | 8,050,882                    |
| March               | ..   | .. | 19,258     | 47,478  | 16,996  | 30,482               | 44,970            | 75,452             | 8,126,334                    |
| June                | ..   | .. | 19,699     | 46,696  | 18,931  | 27,765               | 31,442            | 59,207             | 8,185,541                    |
| 1950-51—            |      |    |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| September           | ..   | .. | 16,636     | 48,433  | 23,668  | 24,765               | 31,278            | 56,043             | 8,241,584                    |
| December            | ..   | .. | 20,006     | 47,984  | 18,592  | 29,392               | 44,815            | 74,207             | 8,315,791                    |
| March               | ..   | .. | 20,387     | 48,013  | 17,239  | 30,774               | 33,633            | 64,407             | 8,380,198                    |
| June                | ..   | .. | 19,814     | 48,025  | 20,083  | 27,942               | 23,251            | 51,193             | 8,431,391                    |
| 1951-52—            |      |    |            |         |         |                      |                   |                    |                              |
| September           | ..   | .. | 16,610     | 49,681  | 24,114  | 25,567               | 23,487            | 49,054             | 8,480,445                    |
| December            | ..   | .. | 20,487     | 47,580  | 20,352  | 27,228               | 31,062            | 58,290             | 8,538,735                    |
| March               | ..   | .. |            |         |         |                      | 27,698            |                    |                              |

(a) Excess of births over deaths. For the period September, 1939 to June, 1947, excess of births over civilian deaths only.  
 (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. A minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals. Excludes troop movements for the period September, 1939 to June, 1947.  
 (c) Includes natural increase and net migration together with adjustments for deaths of defence personnel and unrecorded movement of population between July, 1933 and June, 1947.  
 (d) Census—30th June, 1947.

# OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent migration refers to persons, other than Australian troops and their dependants, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary migration refers to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops and dependants from July, 1947, onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

| Period.          | Temporary.            |            |                         |            | Permanent. |                                 |   |  |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
|                  | Australian Residents. |            | Visitors from Overseas. |            | Arrivals.  | Australian Residents Departing. | Excess of Arrivals (+) or Departures (-). |  |
|                  | Arriving.             | Departing. | Arriving.               | Departing. |            |                                 |   |  |
|                  | Monthly Averages.     |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |  |
| 1936-37 .. ..    | 1,910                 | 1,937      | 2,294                   | 2,297      | 1,148      | 953                             | + 195                                     |  |
| 1937-38 .. ..    | 2,127                 | 2,060      | 2,617                   | 2,678      | 1,478      | 925                             | + 553                                     |  |
| 1938-39(a) .. .. | 2,145                 | 1,966      | 2,649                   | 2,742      | 2,081      | 1,055                           | + 1,026                                   |  |
| 1944-45(a) .. .. | 258                   | 255        | 246                     | 258        | (b) 342    | 577                             | - 235                                     |  |
| 1945-46(a) .. .. | 353                   | 344        | 550                     | 663        | 1,063      | 1,772                           | - 709                                     |  |
| 1946-47(a) .. .. | 793                   | 940        | 1,229                   | 1,430      | 1,918      | 2,107                           | - 189                                     |  |
| 1947-48 .. ..    | 2,238                 | 1,981      | 1,729                   | 1,897      | 3,881      | 1,523                           | + 2,358                                   |  |
| 1948-49 .. ..    | 2,008                 | 1,898      | 2,829                   | 2,566      | 9,568      | 1,511                           | + 8,057                                   |  |
| 1949-50 .. ..    | 2,336                 | 2,500      | 3,470                   | 3,644      | 15,407     | 1,608                           | +13,799                                   |  |
| 1950-51 .. ..    | 2,812                 | 2,617      | 3,594                   | 3,753      | 12,774     | 1,729                           | +11,045                                   |  |
|                  | Monthly Totals.       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |  |
| 1949-50—         |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |  |
| May .. ..        | 2,031                 | 3,679      | 3,643                   | 3,635      | 14,927     | 1,925                           | +13,002                                   |  |
| June .. ..       | 1,891                 | 3,003      | 3,229                   | 4,030      | 11,863     | 1,955                           | + 9,908                                   |  |
| 1950-51—         |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |  |
| July .. ..       | 1,286                 | 1,651      | 2,117                   | 2,744      | 9,988      | 1,414                           | + 8,574                                   |  |
| August .. ..     | 2,665                 | 1,784      | 3,621                   | 3,963      | 13,078     | 2,099                           | +10,979                                   |  |
| September .. ..  | 3,059                 | 1,478      | 3,137                   | 3,412      | 12,291     | 1,419                           | +10,872                                   |  |
| October .. ..    | 4,075                 | 1,645      | 4,197                   | 3,375      | 10,416     | 1,656                           | + 8,760                                   |  |
| November .. ..   | 3,664                 | 1,274      | 3,371                   | 2,804      | 17,656     | 1,365                           | +16,291                                   |  |
| December .. ..   | 3,207                 | 3,510      | 3,851                   | 5,137      | 17,429     | 2,285                           | +15,144                                   |  |
| January .. ..    | 2,842                 | 2,777      | 2,875                   | 4,132      | 13,219     | 2,040                           | +11,179                                   |  |
| February .. ..   | 3,741                 | 3,517      | 4,936                   | 3,567      | 8,650      | 1,499                           | + 7,151                                   |  |
| March .. ..      | 2,986                 | 3,655      | 4,698                   | 4,133      | 16,854     | 1,848                           | +15,006                                   |  |
| April .. ..      | 2,386                 | 4,153      | 3,511                   | 4,125      | 11,264     | 2,061                           | + 9,203                                   |  |
| May .. ..        | 2,050                 | 3,444      | 3,769                   | 4,175      | 9,333      | 1,575                           | + 7,758                                   |  |
| June .. ..       | 1,784                 | 2,512      | 3,040                   | 3,464      | 13,112     | 1,489                           | +11,623                                   |  |
| 1951-52—         |                       |            |                         |            |            |                                 |   |  |
| July .. ..       | 2,129                 | 2,606      | 2,928                   | 3,482      | 13,445     | 2,418                           | +11,027                                   |  |
| August .. ..     | 3,111                 | 2,021      | 3,307                   | 3,306      | 5,602      | 1,907                           | + 3,695                                   |  |
| September .. ..  | 2,988                 | 1,927      | 3,191                   | 3,503      | 9,881      | 1,925                           | + 7,956                                   |  |
| October .. ..    | 4,137                 | 2,037      | 4,261                   | 3,491      | 10,109     | 1,797                           | + 8,312                                   |  |
| November .. ..   | 3,688                 | 2,440      | 3,363                   | 4,408      | 8,476      | 2,173                           | + 6,303                                   |  |
| December .. ..   | 4,274                 | 3,443      | 5,103                   | 3,709      | 12,597     | 1,448                           | +11,149                                   |  |
| January .. ..    | 4,333                 | 3,359      | 4,502                   | 4,908      | 8,558      | 2,302                           | + 6,256                                   |  |
| February .. ..   | 3,249                 | 4,186      | 4,292                   | 4,409      | 9,996      | 2,139                           | + 7,857                                   |  |
| March .. ..      | 3,997                 | 4,655      | 4,682                   | 4,613      | 16,675     | 2,015                           | +14,660                                   |  |
| April .. ..      | 2,452                 | 4,497      | 4,065                   | 4,366      | 10,949     | 2,353                           | + 8,596                                   |  |
| May .. ..        | 2,318                 | 4,703      | 3,950                   | 5,036      | 9,650      | 2,730                           | + 6,920                                   |  |

(a) Excludes troop movements, September, 1939, to June, 1947.

(b) Includes evacuees, monthly average, 35.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)

('000.)

| Month.           | Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.) |                    |         | Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups. |               |                            |                              |               |                             |  |
|------------------|---|--------------------|---------|---|---------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
|                  | Governmental Authorities.(b)  | Private Employers. | Total.  | Mining and Quarrying.                       | Factories.(e) | Building and Construction. | Transport and Communication. | Retail Trade. | Other Commerce and Finance. | Professional and Personal Services.(c) |
| MALES.           |   |                    |         |   |               |                            |                              |               |                             |  |
| 1939—July ..     | 349.8   | 943.3              | 1,293.1 | 52.2  | 391.5         | 149.7                      | 185.9                        | 259.7         |                             | 133.6                                  |
| 1949—May(d) ..   | 518.9   | 1,268.2            | 1,787.1 | 52.3  | 635.9         | 180.9                      | 281.7                        | 125.6         | 169.9                       | 168.3                                  |
| 1950—June ..     | 553.5   | 1,305.2            | 1,858.7 | 53.9  | 659.0         | 197.2                      | 292.8                        | 127.1         | 178.0                       | 171.2                                  |
| 1951—June ..     | 570.4   | 1,341.1            | 1,911.5 | 55.8  | 674.7         | 212.7                      | 294.7                        | 129.7         | 188.4                       | 171.7                                  |
| 1951—February .. | 565.1   | 1,329.9            | 1,895.0 | 54.9  | 667.5         | 206.8                      | 294.5                        | 129.5         | 186.9                       | 172.8                                  |
| March ..         | 567.5   | 1,329.4            | 1,896.9 | 54.8  | 667.6         | 208.6                      | 293.6                        | 129.2         | 187.7                       | 172.9                                  |
| April ..         | 570.4   | 1,334.6            | 1,905.0 | 55.3  | 671.1         | 210.9                      | 294.2                        | 129.4         | 188.3                       | 172.8                                  |
| May ..           | 570.6   | 1,339.7            | 1,910.3 | 55.5  | 674.0         | 211.9                      | 294.9                        | 129.6         | 188.5                       | 172.3                                  |
| 1952—February .. | 568.4   | 1,352.3            | 1,920.7 | 56.7  | 674.3         | 214.0                      | 296.9                        | 127.3         | 194.4                       | 173.7                                  |
| March ..         | 571.8   | 1,352.1            | 1,923.9 | 57.2  | 673.1         | 215.1                      | 298.8                        | 126.3         | 195.0                       | 174.5                                  |
| April ..         | 576.5   | 1,343.7            | 1,920.2 | 57.5  | 668.6         | 216.8                      | 299.8                        | 125.5         | 193.4                       | 174.1                                  |
| May ..           | 578.6   | 1,336.0            | 1,914.6 | 57.8  | 664.1         | 216.4                      | 300.6                        | 125.3         | 192.9                       | 173.0                                  |
| FEMALES.         |   |                    |         |   |               |                            |                              |               |                             |  |
| 1939—July ..     | 55.2  | 381.9              | 437.1   | 0.3   | 148.2         | 1.2                        | 12.6                         | 114.9         |                             | 129.0                                  |
| 1949—May(d) ..   | 99.2  | 564.9              | 664.1   | 0.7   | 215.6         | 3.1                        | 37.0                         | 111.1         | 59.8                        | 205.6                                  |
| 1950—June ..     | 107.6   | 580.6              | 688.2   | 0.7   | 223.8         | 3.3                        | 38.8                         | 113.3         | 64.8                        | 211.2                                  |
| 1951—June ..     | 113.8   | 605.0              | 718.8   | 0.8   | 234.4         | 3.8                        | 40.1                         | 119.1         | 71.3                        | 214.7                                  |
| 1951—February .. | 112.7   | 600.3              | 713.0   | 0.8   | 231.9         | 3.6                        | 40.4                         | 117.8         | 70.1                        | 214.2                                  |
| March ..         | 113.0   | 602.9              | 715.9   | 0.8   | 232.2         | 3.6                        | 40.2                         | 118.1         | 71.4                        | 215.2                                  |
| April ..         | 113.6   | 604.6              | 718.2   | 0.8   | 233.6         | 3.6                        | 40.2                         | 118.4         | 71.4                        | 215.8                                  |
| May ..           | 113.8   | 605.3              | 719.1   | 0.8   | 234.3         | 3.7                        | 40.3                         | 118.8         | 71.4                        | 215.2                                  |
| 1952—February .. | 114.9   | 592.4              | 707.3   | 0.9   | 219.9         | 4.2                        | 40.2                         | 116.5         | 74.6                        | 216.4                                  |
| March ..         | 115.4   | 588.4              | 703.8   | 0.9   | 216.5         | 4.2                        | 40.3                         | 115.3         | 75.0                        | 216.9                                  |
| April ..         | 115.7   | 578.5              | 694.2   | 0.9   | 208.7         | 4.2                        | 40.2                         | 113.8         | 74.1                        | 217.4                                  |
| May ..           | 115.6   | 572.6              | 688.2   | 1.0   | 204.6         | 4.2                        | 39.9                         | 113.6         | 73.6                        | 216.4                                  |
| PERSONS.         |   |                    |         |   |               |                            |                              |               |                             |  |
| 1939—July ..     | 405.0   | 1,325.2            | 1,730.2 | 52.5  | 539.7         | 150.9                      | 198.5                        | 374.6         |                             | 262.6                                  |
| 1949—May(d) ..   | 618.1   | 1,833.1            | 2,451.2 | 53.0  | 851.5         | 184.0                      | 318.7                        | 236.7         | 229.7                       | 373.9                                  |
| 1950—June ..     | 661.1   | 1,885.8            | 2,546.9 | 54.6  | 882.8         | 200.5                      | 331.6                        | 240.4         | 242.8                       | 382.4                                  |
| 1951—June ..     | 684.2   | 1,946.1            | 2,630.3 | 56.6  | 909.1         | 216.5                      | 334.8                        | 248.8         | 259.7                       | 386.4                                  |
| 1951—February .. | 677.8   | 1,930.2            | 2,608.0 | 55.7  | 899.4         | 210.4                      | 334.9                        | 247.3         | 257.0                       | 387.0                                  |
| March ..         | 680.5   | 1,932.3            | 2,612.8 | 55.6  | 899.8         | 212.2                      | 333.8                        | 247.3         | 259.1                       | 388.1                                  |
| April ..         | 684.0   | 1,939.2            | 2,623.2 | 56.1  | 904.7         | 214.5                      | 334.4                        | 247.8         | 259.7                       | 388.6                                  |
| May ..           | 684.4   | 1,945.0            | 2,629.4 | 56.3  | 908.3         | 215.6                      | 335.2                        | 248.4         | 259.9                       | 387.5                                  |
| 1952—February .. | 683.3   | 1,944.7            | 2,628.0 | 57.6  | 894.2         | 218.2                      | 337.1                        | 243.8         | 269.0                       | 390.1                                  |
| March ..         | 687.2   | 1,940.5            | 2,627.7 | 58.1  | 889.6         | 219.3                      | 339.1                        | 241.6         | 270.0                       | 391.4                                  |
| April ..         | 692.2   | 1,922.2            | 2,614.4 | 58.4  | 877.3         | 221.0                      | 340.0                        | 239.3         | 267.5                       | 391.5                                  |
| May ..           | 694.2   | 1,908.6            | 2,602.8 | 58.8  | 868.7         | 220.6                      | 340.5                        | 238.9         | 266.5                       | 389.4                                  |

(a) Excludes defence forces, at home or abroad, and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-Roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1945 (Factories, July, 1948) subject to revision.  
 (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, &c., as well as administrative employees within Australia.  
 (c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).  
 (d) Figures for June, 1949, were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute (27th June to 15th August).  
 (e) Pay-roll series subject to revision.



# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

('000.)

| Month.          | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| MALES.          |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..    | 529.9            | 357.5     | 172.8       | 106.7            | 82.9               | 37.4      | 2.1                 | 3.8                           | 1,293.1    |
| 1949—May(b) ..  | 721.4            | 489.3     | 239.8       | 155.0            | 112.8              | 57.4      | 4.2                 | 7.2                           | 1,787.1    |
| 1950—June ..    | 740.8            | 510.7     | 250.4       | 165.7            | 120.5              | 58.4      | 4.5                 | 7.7                           | 1,858.7    |
| 1951—June ..    | 758.2            | 525.8     | 259.3       | 170.0            | 125.3              | 60.2      | 4.6                 | 8.1                           | 1,911.5    |
| 1951—January .. | 752.1            | 519.0     | 251.1       | 168.5            | 123.8              | 59.5      | 4.5                 | 8.2                           | 1,886.7    |
| February ..     | 754.4            | 520.8     | 253.4       | 169.0            | 124.9              | 59.9      | 4.4                 | 8.2                           | 1,895.0    |
| March ..        | 752.2            | 521.7     | 255.9       | 169.0            | 125.2              | 60.3      | 4.5                 | 8.1                           | 1,896.9    |
| April ..        | 755.9            | 523.5     | 258.1       | 169.3            | 124.8              | 60.7      | 4.6                 | 8.1                           | 1,905.0    |
| May ..          | 757.9            | 525.3     | 259.2       | 169.8            | 124.7              | 60.6      | 4.6                 | 8.2                           | 1,910.3    |
| 1952—January .. | 762.8            | 528.4     | 254.3       | 171.2            | 127.0              | 61.1      | 4.3                 | 7.8                           | 1,916.9    |
| February ..     | 763.8            | 528.7     | 256.6       | 171.0            | 127.5              | 61.0      | 4.2                 | 7.9                           | 1,920.7    |
| March ..        | 764.0            | 530.3     | 256.3       | 171.9            | 127.9              | 61.2      | 4.3                 | 8.0                           | 1,923.9    |
| April ..        | 760.9            | 529.6     | 256.5       | 171.7            | 127.7              | 61.4      | 4.3                 | 8.1                           | 1,920.2    |
| May ..          | 756.4            | 527.8     | 257.5       | 171.7            | 127.5              | 61.1      | 4.3                 | 8.3                           | 1,914.6    |
| FEMALES.        |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..    | 168.0            | 142.9     | 53.2        | 34.0             | 26.2               | 11.6      | 0.2                 | 1.0                           | 437.1      |
| 1949—May(b) ..  | 269.9            | 202.5     | 80.1        | 52.2             | 37.8               | 18.8      | 0.7                 | 2.1                           | 664.1      |
| 1950—June ..    | 278.5            | 210.0     | 83.1        | 54.3             | 39.9               | 19.4      | 0.9                 | 2.1                           | 688.2      |
| 1951—June ..    | 290.9            | 219.6     | 86.1        | 57.0             | 41.6               | 20.3      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 718.8      |
| 1951—January .. | 284.9            | 214.6     | 84.5        | 56.6             | 40.3               | 19.6      | 0.8                 | 2.4                           | 703.7      |
| February ..     | 288.3            | 218.1     | 85.7        | 56.7             | 41.2               | 19.8      | 0.8                 | 2.4                           | 713.0      |
| March ..        | 288.8            | 218.9     | 86.3        | 57.0             | 41.5               | 20.2      | 0.8                 | 2.4                           | 715.9      |
| April ..        | 290.2            | 219.7     | 86.1        | 56.9             | 41.7               | 20.3      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 718.2      |
| May ..          | 291.0            | 219.6     | 86.3        | 56.9             | 41.6               | 20.4      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 719.1      |
| 1952—January .. | 287.2            | 216.7     | 85.6        | 57.3             | 40.6               | 20.2      | 0.8                 | 2.4                           | 710.8      |
| February ..     | 285.1            | 215.9     | 84.9        | 56.6             | 41.3               | 20.2      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 707.3      |
| March ..        | 282.5            | 215.4     | 84.5        | 56.7             | 41.4               | 20.1      | 0.8                 | 2.4                           | 703.8      |
| April ..        | 277.1            | 211.5     | 84.4        | 56.3             | 41.3               | 20.3      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 694.2      |
| May ..          | 274.3            | 209.4     | 84.3        | 55.6             | 41.1               | 20.2      | 0.8                 | 2.5                           | 688.2      |
| PERSONS.        |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |
| 1939—July ..    | 697.9            | 500.4     | 226.0       | 140.7            | 109.1              | 49.0      | 2.3                 | 4.8                           | 1,730.2    |
| 1949—May(b) ..  | 991.3            | 691.8     | 319.9       | 207.2            | 150.6              | 76.2      | 4.9                 | 9.3                           | 2,451.2    |
| 1950—June ..    | 1,019.3          | 720.7     | 333.5       | 220.0            | 160.4              | 77.8      | 5.4                 | 9.8                           | 2,546.9    |
| 1951—June ..    | 1,049.1          | 745.4     | 345.4       | 227.0            | 166.9              | 80.5      | 5.4                 | 10.6                          | 2,630.3    |
| 1951—January .. | 1,037.0          | 733.6     | 335.6       | 225.1            | 164.1              | 79.1      | 5.3                 | 10.6                          | 2,590.4    |
| February ..     | 1,042.7          | 738.9     | 339.1       | 225.7            | 166.1              | 79.7      | 5.2                 | 10.6                          | 2,608.0    |
| March ..        | 1,041.0          | 740.6     | 342.2       | 226.0            | 166.7              | 80.5      | 5.3                 | 10.5                          | 2,612.8    |
| April ..        | 1,046.1          | 743.2     | 344.2       | 226.2            | 166.5              | 81.0      | 5.4                 | 10.6                          | 2,623.2    |
| May ..          | 1,048.9          | 744.9     | 345.5       | 226.7            | 166.3              | 81.0      | 5.4                 | 10.7                          | 2,629.4    |
| 1952—January .. | 1,050.0          | 745.1     | 339.9       | 228.5            | 167.6              | 81.3      | 5.1                 | 10.2                          | 2,627.7    |
| February ..     | 1,048.9          | 744.6     | 341.5       | 227.6            | 168.8              | 81.2      | 5.0                 | 10.4                          | 2,628.0    |
| March ..        | 1,046.5          | 745.7     | 340.8       | 228.6            | 169.3              | 81.3      | 5.1                 | 10.4                          | 2,627.7    |
| April ..        | 1,038.0          | 741.1     | 340.9       | 228.0            | 169.0              | 81.7      | 5.1                 | 10.6                          | 2,614.4    |
| May ..          | 1,030.7          | 737.2     | 341.8       | 227.3            | 168.6              | 81.3      | 5.1                 | 10.8                          | 2,602.8    |

- (a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp. See also footnotes on page 6.  
 (b) Figures for June, 1949, were affected by the Australia-wide black coal dispute (27th June to 15th August).

# EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.(a)

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

| Period.           | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |          |          |   |                                       |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------|---|---------------------------------------|
|                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           | Males.     | Females. | Persons. | Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. |                                       |
|                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          | Un-adjusted.                                | Divided by Index of Total Population. |
| Monthly Averages. |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| 1936-37 ..        | 197.8            | 183.0     | 45.9        | 39.3             | 21.4               | 11.8      | 359.6      | 139.6    | 499.2    | 950   | 959                                   |
| 1937-38 ..        | 215.6            | 193.6     | 49.6        | 42.6             | 22.0               | 12.5      | 387.7      | 148.2    | 535.9    | 1,019                                       | 1,019                                 |
| 1938-39 ..        | 219.5            | 193.9     | 51.5        | 42.0             | 22.1               | 13.2      | 391.8      | 150.4    | 542.2    | 1,031                                       | 1,022                                 |
| 1944-45 ..        | 304.8            | 249.6     | 61.8        | 64.0             | 28.1               | 18.9      | 515.5      | 211.7    | (b)727.2 | 1,383                                       | 1,293                                 |
| 1945-46 ..        | 300.9            | 245.9     | 63.0        | 60.9             | 29.1               | 18.4      | 524.8      | 193.4    | 718.2    | 1,366                                       | 1,264                                 |
| 1946-47 ..        | 331.3            | 256.1     | 68.6        | 68.2             | 32.2               | 19.2      | 578.2      | 197.4    | 775.6    | 1,475                                       | 1,347                                 |
| 1947-48 ..        | 349.8            | 268.1     | 73.0        | 71.1             | 34.0               | 20.3      | 611.5      | 204.8    | 816.3    | 1,553                                       | 1,397                                 |
| 1948-49 p ..      | 358.8            | 274.9     | 76.8        | 73.4             | 35.2               | 21.2      | 628.0      | 212.3    | 840.3    | 1,598                                       | 1,408                                 |
| 1949-50 p ..      | 358.8            | 281.5     | 79.6        | 75.7             | 36.6               | 21.9      | 636.9      | 217.2    | 854.1    | 1,624                                       | 1,386                                 |
| 1950-51 p ..      | 379.0            | 290.4     | 83.2        | 80.8             | 38.6               | 22.2      | 664.8      | 229.4    | 894.2    | 1,701                                       | 1,408                                 |
| Monthly Totals.   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| 1949-50 p—        |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| May ..            | 373.7            | 285.8     | 81.0        | 78.8             | 37.9               | 22.7      | 655.8      | 224.1    | 879.9    | 1,674                                       | 1,413                                 |
| June ..           | 374.4            | 286.4     | 82.5        | 79.1             | 37.9               | 22.5      | 659.0      | 223.8    | 882.8    | 1,679                                       | 1,413                                 |
| 1950-51 p—        |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| July ..           | 373.8            | 286.5     | 83.0        | 79.6             | 37.8               | 22.3      | 659.0      | 224.0    | 883.0    | 1,679                                       | 1,410                                 |
| August ..         | 375.5            | 286.6     | 83.3        | 79.3             | 37.9               | 21.6      | 659.9      | 224.3    | 884.2    | 1,682                                       | 1,408                                 |
| September ..      | 376.2            | 287.1     | 83.3        | 79.9             | 38.1               | 21.5      | 660.2      | 225.9    | 886.1    | 1,685                                       | 1,408                                 |
| October(c) ..     | 378.0            | 283.2     | 82.9        | 80.0             | 38.2               | 21.3      | 655.9      | 227.7    | 883.6    | 1,681                                       | 1,401                                 |
| November(c) ..    | 379.2            | 286.1     | 83.0        | 80.2             | 38.3               | 21.7      | 658.9      | 229.6    | 888.5    | 1,690                                       | 1,404                                 |
| December ..       | 377.6            | 290.8     | 81.2        | 80.5             | 38.3               | 22.7      | 663.0      | 228.1    | 891.1    | 1,695                                       | 1,404                                 |
| January ..        | 378.1            | 291.1     | 81.5        | 81.3             | 38.5               | 22.3      | 666.4      | 226.4    | 892.8    | 1,698                                       | 1,404                                 |
| February ..       | 380.4            | 293.6     | 82.4        | 81.6             | 39.0               | 22.4      | 667.5      | 231.9    | 899.4    | 1,711                                       | 1,411                                 |
| March ..          | 379.1            | 293.8     | 83.4        | 81.8             | 39.1               | 22.6      | 667.6      | 232.2    | 899.8    | 1,711                                       | 1,407                                 |
| April ..          | 381.7            | 295.3     | 84.2        | 81.6             | 39.1               | 22.8      | 671.1      | 233.6    | 904.7    | 1,721                                       | 1,412                                 |
| May ..            | 383.5            | 295.3     | 85.4        | 81.6             | 39.4               | 23.1      | 674.0      | 234.3    | 908.3    | 1,728                                       | 1,413                                 |
| June ..           | 384.4            | 295.6     | 85.3        | 81.7             | 39.5               | 22.6      | 674.7      | 234.4    | 909.1    | 1,729                                       | 1,410                                 |
| 1951-52 p—        |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |          |          |   |                                       |
| July ..           | 384.8            | 295.5     | 86.2        | 81.7             | 39.5               | 22.2      | 675.3      | 234.6    | 909.9    | 1,731                                       | 1,408                                 |
| August ..         | 385.4            | 295.2     | 87.4        | 81.6             | 39.5               | 21.4      | 675.3      | 235.2    | 910.5    | 1,732                                       | 1,405                                 |
| September ..      | 385.2            | 295.6     | 86.8        | 81.4             | 39.0               | 21.5      | 674.0      | 235.5    | 909.5    | 1,730                                       | 1,400                                 |
| October ..        | 386.0            | 297.5     | 86.0        | 81.8             | 39.3               | 21.3      | 676.0      | 235.9    | 911.9    | 1,734                                       | 1,399                                 |
| November ..       | 386.9            | 297.3     | 85.3        | 81.9             | 39.4               | 21.5      | 678.8      | 233.5    | 912.3    | 1,735                                       | 1,399                                 |
| December ..       | 383.9            | 294.9     | 81.2        | 81.9             | 39.1               | 22.0      | 674.1      | 228.9    | 903.0    | 1,718                                       | 1,383                                 |
| January ..        | 380.2            | 294.5     | 80.3        | 82.3             | 39.0               | 22.5      | 675.4      | 223.4    | 898.8    | 1,710                                       | 1,374                                 |
| February ..       | 378.1            | 292.4     | 80.9        | 81.5             | 39.1               | 22.2      | 674.3      | 219.9    | 894.2    | 1,701                                       | 1,364                                 |
| March ..          | 375.2            | 291.7     | 79.7        | 81.7             | 39.1               | 22.2      | 673.1      | 216.5    | 889.6    | 1,692                                       | 1,354                                 |
| April ..          | 367.7            | r286.9    | 79.9        | 81.2             | 39.1               | 22.5      | r668.6     | 208.7    | r877.3   | 1,669                                       | 1,332                                 |
| May ..            | 361.9            | 284.1     | 81.7        | 79.9             | 38.8               | 22.3      | 664.1      | 204.6    | 868.7    | 1,652                                       | 1,316                                 |

(a) Excludes National Service trainees in camp.  
dockyards—89.1.

(c) Affected by industrial disputes.

(b) Includes Government munitions and aircraft establishments and naval  
(p) Figures since July, 1948, subject to revision.

# EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

(Estimated Number of Employees in Thousands.)

| Period            | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia.(b) |          |          |  |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|--|
|                   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           | Males.        | Females. | Persons. |  |
| Monthly Averages. |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |  |
| 1944-45 .. ..     | 66.6             | 47.8      | 21.8        | 16.1             | 11.8               | 5.3       | 74.3          | 95.3     | 169.6    |  |
| 1945-46 .. ..     | 74.1             | 53.1      | 24.0        | 17.6             | 13.4               | 5.9       | 99.2          | 89.2     | 188.4    |  |
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 85.1             | 60.5      | 27.8        | 20.4             | 15.2               | 6.5       | 112.4         | 103.4    | 215.8    |  |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 91.0             | 63.4      | 29.2        | 21.8             | 16.3               | 6.7       | 121.2         | 107.6    | 228.8    |  |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 93.9             | 65.7      | 29.9        | 22.6             | 17.1               | 6.9       | 125.5         | 111.2    | 236.7    |  |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 93.4             | 66.8      | 30.2        | 23.1             | 17.6               | 7.0       | 126.7         | 112.0    | 238.7    |  |
| 1950-51 .. ..     | 97.2             | 68.8      | 31.1        | 23.9             | 18.2               | 7.3       | 129.3         | 117.8    | 247.1    |  |
| Monthly Totals.   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |  |
| 1949-50—          |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |  |
| May .. ..         | 94.4             | 67.1      | 30.3        | 23.4             | 17.7               | 7.0       | 127.0         | 113.5    | 240.5    |  |
| June .. ..        | 94.0             | 67.3      | 30.3        | 23.4             | 17.7               | 7.1       | 127.1         | 113.3    | 240.4    |  |
| 1950-51—          |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |  |
| July .. ..        | 94.2             | 67.1      | 30.4        | 23.2             | 17.7               | 7.1       | 127.2         | 113.0    | 240.2    |  |
| August .. ..      | 94.3             | 67.1      | 30.4        | 23.3             | 17.7               | 7.1       | 127.3         | 113.2    | 240.5    |  |
| September ..      | 95.0             | 67.2      | 30.7        | 23.4             | 17.8               | 7.0       | 127.6         | 114.1    | 241.7    |  |
| October .. ..     | 97.1             | 67.7      | 30.8        | 23.6             | 17.8               | 7.2       | 128.0         | 116.8    | 244.8    |  |
| November ..       | 100.6            | 69.7      | 31.1        | 24.6             | 18.1               | 7.3       | 130.9         | 121.1    | 252.0    |  |
| December ..       | 104.5            | 70.6      | 32.1        | 24.5             | 19.0               | 7.6       | 134.0         | 124.9    | 258.9    |  |
| January .. ..     | 97.1             | 69.2      | 31.5        | 23.9             | 18.3               | 7.3       | 129.8         | 118.1    | 247.9    |  |
| February ..       | 96.8             | 69.1      | 31.3        | 23.8             | 18.4               | 7.3       | 129.5         | 117.8    | 247.3    |  |
| March .. ..       | 96.6             | 69.2      | 31.2        | 23.9             | 18.5               | 7.3       | 129.2         | 118.1    | 247.3    |  |
| April .. ..       | 96.7             | 69.4      | 31.2        | 23.9             | 18.6               | 7.3       | 129.4         | 118.4    | 247.8    |  |
| May .. ..         | 96.8             | 69.7      | 31.4        | 24.1             | 18.4               | 7.3       | 129.6         | 118.8    | 248.4    |  |
| June .. ..        | 96.9             | 69.6      | 31.6        | 24.2             | 18.5               | 7.4       | 129.7         | 119.1    | 248.8    |  |
| 1951-52—          |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |               |          |          |  |
| July .. ..        | 96.8             | 69.7      | 31.7        | 23.9             | 18.5               | 7.4       | 129.5         | 119.1    | 248.6    |  |
| August .. ..      | 96.9             | 69.5      | 31.7        | 24.0             | 18.3               | 7.3       | 129.2         | 119.1    | 248.3    |  |
| September ..      | 96.1             | 69.2      | 31.6        | 23.9             | 18.4               | 7.3       | 128.7         | 118.5    | 247.2    |  |
| October .. ..     | 96.7             | 68.7      | 31.6        | 24.1             | 18.4               | 7.3       | 128.5         | 118.8    | 247.3    |  |
| November ..       | 99.1             | 70.1      | 32.0        | 24.1             | 18.6               | 7.4       | 130.0         | 122.0    | 252.0    |  |
| December ..       | 101.9            | 70.8      | 32.6        | 24.2             | 19.1               | 7.6       | 132.2         | 124.7    | 256.9    |  |
| January .. ..     | 96.5             | 69.0      | 31.5        | 24.0             | 18.5               | 7.4       | 128.5         | 119.0    | 247.5    |  |
| February ..       | 95.1             | 68.1      | 31.1        | 23.4             | 18.5               | 7.2       | 127.3         | 116.5    | 243.8    |  |
| March .. ..       | 94.1             | 67.7      | 30.4        | 23.1             | 18.3               | 7.3       | 126.3         | 115.3    | 241.6    |  |
| April .. ..       | 92.8             | 66.9      | 30.4        | 23.0             | 18.3               | 7.3       | 125.5         | 113.8    | 239.3    |  |
| May .. ..         | 92.7             | 66.7      | 30.4        | 23.1             | 18.2               | 7.2       | 125.3         | 113.6    | 238.9    |  |

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service trainees in camp. Figures from June, 1945, subject to revision. (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.



# AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-Roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 80 per cent. of total employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted monthly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

| Period.                                  | New South Wales.(a) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(b) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|--|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000). |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| 1945-46 .. ..                            | 4,966               | 3,378     | 1,563       | 947                 | 689                | 344       | 11,887     |
| 1946-47 .. ..                            | 5,838               | 3,958     | 1,770       | 1,150               | 827                | 409       | 13,952     |
| 1947-48 .. ..                            | 6,976               | 4,719     | 2,069       | 1,369               | 954                | 492       | 16,579     |
| 1948-49 .. ..                            | 8,133               | 5,540     | 2,503       | 1,644               | 1,120              | 580       | 19,520     |
| 1949-50 .. ..                            | 9,018               | 6,370     | 2,838       | 1,894               | 1,315              | 672       | 22,107     |
| 1950-51 .. ..                            | 11,385              | 7,916     | 3,501       | 2,389               | 1,639              | 817       | 27,647     |
| 1949-50—                                 |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| December Qtr. ..                         | 9,428               | 6,519     | 2,908       | 1,907               | 1,330              | 671       | 22,763     |
| March „ ..                               | 8,890               | 6,154     | 2,744       | 1,870               | 1,320              | 665       | 21,643     |
| June „ ..                                | 9,740               | 6,890     | 3,020       | 2,058               | 1,390              | 730       | 23,828     |
| 1950-51—                                 |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September „ ..                           | 10,024              | 7,075     | 3,167       | 2,129               | 1,493              | 710       | 24,598     |
| December „ ..                            | 11,233              | 7,688     | 3,487       | 2,277               | 1,575              | 776       | 27,036     |
| March „ ..                               | 11,413              | 7,893     | 3,443       | 2,449               | 1,641              | 843       | 27,682     |
| June „ ..                                | 12,869              | 9,010     | 3,907       | 2,701               | 1,846              | 939       | 31,272     |
| 1951-52—                                 |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |
| September „ ..                           | 13,387              | 9,292     | 4,099       | 2,808               | 1,987              | 950       | 32,523     |
| December „ ..                            | 14,988              | 10,122    | 4,439       | 3,054               | 2,110              | 1,046     | 35,759     |
| March „ ..                               | 14,083              | 9,537     | 4,143       | 3,005               | 2,073              | 1,079     | 33,920     |

| AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c) |      |    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|--|------|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1945-46  | ..   | .. | 6.57  | 6.59  | 5.95  | 5.89  | 6.04  | 5.67  | 6.37  |
| 1946-47  | ..   | .. | 6.81  | 6.86  | 6.00  | 6.19  | 6.18  | 5.94  | 6.59  |
| 1947-48  | ..   | .. | 7.73  | 7.80  | 6.58  | 7.02  | 6.87  | 6.72  | 7.44  |
| 1948-49  | ..   | .. | 8.73  | 8.84  | 7.63  | 8.03  | 7.75  | 7.56  | 8.44  |
| 1949-50  | ..   | .. | 9.50  | 9.78  | 8.34  | 8.83  | 8.65  | 8.49  | 9.26  |
| 1950-51  | ..   | .. | 11.46 | 11.70 | 9.82  | 10.58 | 10.23 | 9.99  | 11.09 |
| 1949-50—   |      |    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| December   | Qtr. | .. | 9.87  | 10.06 | 8.56  | 8.95  | 8.81  | 8.51  | 9.54  |
| March  | „    | .. | 9.22  | 9.37  | 8.07  | 8.63  | 8.63  | 8.35  | 8.98  |
| June   | „    | .. | 10.04 | 10.40 | 8.72  | 9.34  | 8.93  | 9.08  | 9.78  |
| 1950-51—   |      |    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| September  | „    | .. | 10.27 | 10.65 | 9.00  | 9.55  | 9.52  | 8.91  | 10.03 |
| December   | „    | .. | 11.37 | 11.53 | 9.87  | 10.16 | 9.93  | 9.62  | 10.94 |
| March  | „    | .. | 11.41 | 11.51 | 9.65  | 10.76 | 10.14 | 10.17 | 11.01 |
| June   | „    | .. | 12.78 | 13.05 | 10.75 | 11.81 | 11.31 | 11.19 | 12.34 |
| 1951-52—   |      |    |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| September  | „    | .. | 13.26 | 13.45 | 11.18 | 12.26 | 12.14 | 11.42 | 12.79 |
| December   | „    | .. | 14.75 | 14.65 | 12.21 | 13.31 | 12.83 | 12.47 | 14.04 |
| March  | „    | .. | 13.94 | 13.73 | 11.58 | 13.03 | 12.56 | 12.75 | 13.34 |

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above. The break in continuity in the State figures is indicated because the basic wage changes over the period may have affected the individual States differently from the Australian average on which the ratio is estimated.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

# UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944* (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1951*), which came into effect on 1st July, 1945.

## NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH.(a)

| Period.           | Unemployment.       |           |             |                     |                    |           |            | Sickness.     | Special.(b)   |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|---------------|
|                   | New South Wales.(c) | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia.(d) | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. | Australia.(e) | Australia.(e) |
| Monthly Averages. |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 1,815               | 1,697     | 4,610       | 206                 | 1,032              | 78        | 9,438      | 8,083         | 288           |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 637                 | 140       | 2,640       | 49                  | 390                | 32        | 3,888      | 8,538         | 517           |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 282                 | 32        | 1,094       | 15                  | 121                | 31        | 1,575      | 7,614         | 591           |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 8,327               | 123       | 1,371       | 241                 | 155                | 30        | 10,247     | 7,585         | 897           |
| 1950-51 .. ..     | 287                 | 71        | 326         | 6                   | 59                 | 14        | 763        | 7,059         | 863           |
| 1951-52 .. ..     | 949                 | 220       | 1,374       | 24                  | 64                 | 16        | 2,647      | 6,454         | 993           |
| Monthly Totals.   |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| 1949-50—          |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| June .. ..        | 335                 | 151       | 568         | 32                  | 108                | 32        | 1,226      | 7,491         | 908           |
| 1950-51—          |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| July .. ..        | 513                 | 164       | 437         | 6                   | 101                | 26        | 1,247      | 7,841         | 880           |
| August .. ..      | 250                 | 54        | 200         | 5                   | 75                 | 24        | 608        | 7,730         | 908           |
| September ..      | 220                 | 51        | 120         | 8                   | 54                 | 26        | 479        | 7,576         | 898           |
| October .. ..     | 243                 | 67        | 127         | 7                   | 45                 | 17        | 506        | 7,595         | 892           |
| November ..       | 214                 | 137       | 145         | 6                   | 58                 | 11        | 571        | 7,212         | 873           |
| December ..       | 450                 | 129       | 268         | 8                   | 63                 | 10        | 928        | 6,370         | 808           |
| January .. ..     | 179                 | 46        | 401         | 5                   | 64                 | 9         | 704        | 6,326         | 832           |
| February ..       | 170                 | 30        | 703         | 6                   | 54                 | 11        | 974        | 6,890         | 859           |
| March .. ..       | 433                 | 43        | 646         | 5                   | 54                 | 9         | 1,190      | 6,622         | 838           |
| April .. ..       | 266                 | 48        | 291         | 4                   | 53                 | 8         | 670        | 6,540         | 800           |
| May(e) .. ..      | 261                 | 45        | 309         | 3                   | 46                 | 7         | 671        | 6,960         | 850           |
| June .. ..        | 246                 | 32        | 263         | 3                   | 50                 | 10        | 604        | 7,044         | 921           |
| 1951-52—          |                     |           |             |                     |                    |           |            |               |               |
| July .. ..        | 233                 | 198       | 137         | 5                   | 49                 | 8         | 630        | 7,145         | 940           |
| August .. ..      | 121                 | 45        | 138         | 9                   | 45                 | 9         | 367        | 7,273         | 950           |
| September ..      | 102                 | 206       | 148         | 4                   | 38                 | 7         | 505        | 7,006         | 955           |
| October .. ..     | 118                 | 24        | 210         | 6                   | 31                 | 3         | 392        | 7,066         | 962           |
| November ..       | 152                 | 51        | 483         | 4                   | 26                 | 3         | 719        | 6,318         | 963           |
| December ..       | 336                 | 126       | 1,551       | 4                   | 47                 | 3         | 2,067      | 5,562         | 858           |
| January .. ..     | 336                 | 53        | 2,190       | 3                   | 48                 | 5         | 2,635      | 5,942         | 981           |
| February ..       | 460                 | 40        | 2,293       | 4                   | 50                 | 5         | 2,852      | 6,131         | 997           |
| March .. ..       | 858                 | 111       | 2,742       | 23                  | 55                 | 7         | 3,796      | 6,408         | 1,047         |
| April .. ..       | 1,370               | 279       | 2,530       | 18                  | 55                 | 9         | 4,261      | 5,977         | 1,063         |
| May .. ..         | 2,687               | 379       | 2,016       | 57                  | 82                 | 24        | 5,245      | 6,241         | 1,055         |
| June .. ..        | 4,613               | 1,133     | 2,055       | 153                 | 236                | 104       | 8,294      | 6,378         | 1,148         |

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory. (e) Figures in these columns are as furnished by the Department of Social Services. From May, 1951, the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet at the end of each month.

# UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS—continued.

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA.

| Period.           | Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit. |          |          | Amount Paid in Benefits. |           |           |           |         |
|-------------------|--|----------|----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
|                   | Males.                                   | Females. | Persons. | Unem-<br>ployment.       | Sickness. | Special—  |           | Total.  |
|                   |  |          |          |                          |           | Migrants. | Ordinary. |         |
|                   |  |          |          | £                        | £         | £         | £         | £       |
| Monthly Averages. |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 6,115                                    | 433      | 6,548    | 75,902                   | 59,280    |           | 2,328     | 137,510 |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 2,273                                    | 116      | 2,389    | 30,802                   | 65,944    | 1,319     | 3,391     | 101,456 |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 955                                      | 56       | 1,011    | 11,570                   | 66,319    | 7,088     | 4,225     | 89,202  |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 10,854                                   | 2,571    | 13,425   | 105,506                  | 68,001    | 35,361    |           | 208,868 |
| 1950-51 .. ..     | 881                                      | 111      | 992      | 5,204                    | 62,143    | 19,088    |           | 86,435  |
| 1951-52 .. ..     | 1,771                                    | 520      | 2,291    |                          |           |           |           |         |
| Monthly Totals.   |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| 1949-50—          |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| June .. ..        | 407                                      | 96       | 503      | 7,461                    | 77,271    | 32,584    |           | 117,316 |
| 1950-51—          |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| July .. ..        | 1,457                                    | 260      | 1,717    | 4,410                    | 54,539    | 25,598    |           | 84,547  |
| August .. ..      | 686                                      | 89       | 775      | 5,944                    | 76,937    | 30,086    |           | 112,967 |
| September ..      | 550                                      | 111      | 661      | 4,713                    | 68,048    | 21,063    |           | 93,824  |
| October .. ..     | 419                                      | 60       | 479      | 2,921                    | 64,989    | 20,523    |           | 88,433  |
| November ..       | 911                                      | 85       | 996      | 6,313                    | 71,551    | 21,056    |           | 98,920  |
| December ..       | 1,070                                    | 119      | 1,189    | 3,458                    | 57,693    | 22,222    |           | 83,373  |
| January .. ..     | 732                                      | 94       | 826      | 6,879                    | 56,967    | 22,755    |           | 86,601  |
| February ..       | 1,238                                    | 104      | 1,342    | 5,668                    | 57,374    | 20,669    |           | 83,711  |
| March .. ..       | 1,280                                    | 104      | 1,384    | 8,417                    | 65,428    | 8,995     |           | 82,840  |
| April .. ..       | 1,063                                    | 89       | 1,152    | 7,689                    | 61,761    | 9,488     |           | 78,878  |
| May .. ..         | 475                                      | 101      | 576      | 5,927                    | 58,965    | 13,093    |           | 77,985  |
| June .. ..        | 695                                      | 112      | 807      | 105                      | 51,524    | 13,505    |           | 65,134  |
| 1951-52—          |  |          |          |                          |           |           |           |         |
| July .. ..        | 870                                      | 109      | 979      | 4,024                    | 50,463    | 6,531     |           | 61,018  |
| August .. ..      | 475                                      | 73       | 548      | 3,932                    | 68,164    | 7,097     |           | 79,193  |
| September ..      | 407                                      | 85       | 492      | 2,518                    | 62,452    | 11,198    |           | 76,168  |
| October .. ..     | 468                                      | 76       | 544      | 3,409                    | 73,246    | 8,546     |           | 85,201  |
| November ..       | 706                                      | 121      | 827      | 4,085                    | 59,058    | 6,584     |           | 69,727  |
| December ..       | 1,934                                    | 241      | 2,175    | 7,920                    | 54,718    | 7,033     |           | 69,671  |
| January .. ..     | 1,940                                    | 241      | 2,181    | 16,964                   | 61,154    | 10,443    |           | 88,561  |
| February ..       | 1,605                                    | 448      | 2,053    | 24,057                   | 58,020    | 10,305    |           | 92,382  |
| March .. ..       | 2,442                                    | 947      | 3,389    | 22,279                   | 51,699    | 8,009     |           | 81,987  |
| April .. ..       | 2,251                                    | 954      | 3,205    | 26,442                   | 53,215    | 9,038     |           | 88,695  |
| May .. ..         | 3,085                                    | 1,440    | 4,525    | 29,037                   | 55,993    | 11,229    |           | 96,259  |
| June .. ..        | 5,068                                    | 1,500    | 6,568    |                          |           |           |           |         |



## TRADE UNION UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS.

The only records of unemployment available continuously over a long period of years at short intervals are the quarterly percentages reported by trade unions to the Commonwealth Statistician. The membership of the reporting unions consists predominantly of males, and represents at present about 55 per cent. of the total trade union membership and between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. For some States the returns are more representative than for others. This table, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment amongst unionists in the individual States. It is an indication of trend of unemployment as estimated or recorded by secretaries of those trade unions which supply returns. Returns are not collected from unions whose members are predominantly in permanent employment (Governmental, &c.) or casual employment (wharf labourers, &c.). The percentages relate to unemployment due to all causes except unemployment of those directly involved in industrial disputes.

(Per cent.)

| Period.        | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australia. |
|----------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|
| 1936-37 .. ..  | 12.8             | 10.1      | 7.4         | 9.4              | 6.0                | 8.4       | 10.6       |
| 1937-38 .. ..  | 10.0             | 8.2       | 6.9         | 7.3              | 5.4                | 6.8       | 8.5        |
| 1938-39 .. ..  | 10.3             | 10.0      | 6.0         | 9.4              | 6.5                | 8.9       | 9.3        |
| 1944-45 .. ..  | 1.6              | 0.8       | 0.6         | 1.1              | 1.1                | 0.8       | 1.2        |
| 1945-46 .. ..  | 1.5              | 1.1       | 0.9         | 1.4              | 1.5                | 1.5       | 1.3        |
| 1946-47 .. ..  | 1.5              | 1.3       | 0.9         | 1.1              | 1.4                | 2.3       | 1.4        |
| 1947-48 .. ..  | 1.0              | 0.9       | 0.6         | 0.9              | 1.1                | 1.5       | 1.0        |
| 1948-49 .. ..  | 0.9              | 0.8       | 0.4         | 1.0              | 0.8                | 0.6       | 0.8        |
| 1949-50 (a) .. | 3.3              | 0.7       | 0.9         | 2.2              | 1.1                | 0.7       | 2.0        |
| 1950-51 .. ..  | 0.9              | 0.7       | 0.5         | 0.9              | 0.8                | 0.6       | 0.8        |
| 1948-49—       |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| February .. .. | 0.9              | 0.7       | 0.4         | 0.8              | 0.8                | 0.5       | 0.8        |
| May .. ..      | 0.9              | 0.8       | 0.3         | 1.0              | 0.8                | 0.3       | 0.8        |
| 1949-50—       |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| August (a) ..  | 10.2             | 0.9       | 2.7         | 6.5              | 1.3                | 0.7       | 5.5        |
| November .. .. | 1.0              | 0.6       | 0.3         | 0.9              | 0.7                | 0.8       | 0.8        |
| February .. .. | 1.1              | 0.7       | 0.3         | 0.7              | 1.0                | 0.6       | 0.8        |
| May .. ..      | 1.0              | 0.5       | 0.3         | 0.7              | 1.5                | 0.8       | 0.8        |
| 1950-51—       |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| August .. ..   | 1.1              | 0.7       | 0.5         | 1.1              | 0.8                | 0.5       | 0.8        |
| November .. .. | 0.9              | 0.7       | 0.3         | 0.9              | 0.9                | 0.4       | 0.7        |
| February .. .. | 0.8              | 0.6       | 0.2         | 0.7              | 0.7                | 0.6       | 0.7        |
| May .. ..      | 0.9              | 0.6       | 0.8         | 0.8              | 0.7                | 1.0       | 0.8        |
| 1951-52—       |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |            |
| August .. ..   | 0.6              | 0.5       | 0.2         | 0.8              | 0.7                | 1.2       | 0.6        |
| November .. .. | 0.7              | 0.7       | 0.4         | 0.8              | 0.7                | 0.9       | 0.7        |
| February p ..  | 1.1              | r1.1      | 1.3         | 0.9              | r0.8               | 1.1       | r1.1       |

(a) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the industrial dispute in the coal mining industry ; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

NOTE.—Fuller particulars are shown in the Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics.

### INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : CHANGE FROM NOVEMBER, 1951, TO FEBRUARY, 1952.

Manufacturing—I. Wood, furniture, &c., 0.3% to 0.6% ; II. Engineering, metal works, &c., 0.4% to 0.6% ; III. Food, drink, tobacco, &c., 1.0% to 1.9% ; IV. Clothing, textiles, &c., 0.6% to 2.0% ; V. Books, printing, &c., Nil (0.1%) ; VI. Other Manufacturing, 1.3 to 3.0% ; VII. Building, 1.3% to 1.1% ; VIII. Mining, quarrying, &c., 2.7% to 2.8% ; X. Land Transport, other than railway and tramway services, 0.7% to 1.2% ; IX., XI., XII., XIII. and XIV., Other and Miscellaneous, 0.4% to 0.6% ; All groups, 0.7% to 1.1%.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

| Period.           | Producers' Materials for use in— |     |                      |     |                |      |          |      | Fuels<br>and<br>Lubricants. | Auxiliary<br>Aids to<br>Production. | Munitions<br>and War<br>Stores. |           |       |            |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------|-----|----------------|------|----------|------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------|
|                   | Building and<br>Construction.    |     | Rural<br>Industries. |     | Manufacturing. |      | Total.   |      |                             |                                     |                                 |           |       |            |
|                   | Class Ia.                        |     | Class Ib.            |     | Class Ic.      |      | Class I. |      |                             |                                     |                                 | Class II. |       | Class III. |
| Monthly Averages. |                                  |     |                      |     |                |      |          |      |                             |                                     |                                 |           |       |            |
| 1936-37 ..        | 347                              | 4.0 | 143                  | 1.7 | 3,435          | 39.9 | 3,925    | 45.6 | 621                         | 7.2                                 | 408                             | 4.7       | 31    | 0.4        |
| 1937-38 ..        | 472                              | 4.4 | 155                  | 1.5 | 4,285          | 40.2 | 4,912    | 46.1 | 784                         | 7.4                                 | 470                             | 4.4       | 36    | 0.4        |
| 1938-39 ..        | 385                              | 4.1 | 171                  | 1.8 | 3,599          | 38.2 | 4,155    | 44.1 | 736                         | 7.8                                 | 469                             | 4.9       | 88    | 0.9        |
| 1944-45 ..        | 205                              | 1.2 | 181                  | 1.0 | 6,139          | 34.7 | 6,525    | 36.9 | 1,645                       | 9.3                                 | 812                             | 4.6       | 4,086 | 23.1       |
| 1945-46 ..        | 258                              | 1.8 | 348                  | 2.4 | 5,438          | 36.8 | 6,044    | 41.0 | 1,665                       | 11.3                                | 629                             | 4.3       | 2,539 | 17.2       |
| 1946-47 ..        | 405                              | 2.3 | 316                  | 1.8 | 7,595          | 43.8 | 8,316    | 47.9 | 1,527                       | 8.8                                 | 1,129                           | 6.5       | 428   | 2.5        |
| 1947-48 ..        | 727                              | 2.6 | 289                  | 1.0 | 12,362         | 43.9 | 13,378   | 47.5 | 2,379                       | 8.4                                 | 2,059                           | 7.3       | 129   | 0.5        |
| 1948-49 ..        | 1,194                            | 3.5 | 318                  | 0.9 | 13,545         | 39.2 | 15,057   | 43.6 | 3,037                       | 8.8                                 | 2,212                           | 6.4       | 257   | 0.7        |
| 1949-50 ..        | 2,026                            | 4.5 | 431                  | 1.0 | 14,438         | 32.3 | 16,895   | 37.8 | 3,852                       | 8.6                                 | 2,390                           | 5.4       | 129   | 0.3        |
| 1950-51 ..        | 3,416                            | 5.5 | 416                  | 0.7 | 23,479         | 38.0 | 27,311   | 44.2 | 5,029                       | 8.1                                 | 2,829                           | 4.6       | 94    | 0.2        |
| Monthly Totals.   |                                  |     |                      |     |                |      |          |      |                             |                                     |                                 |           |       |            |
| 1949-50—          |                                  |     |                      |     |                |      |          |      |                             |                                     |                                 |           |       |            |
| May ..            | 2,727                            | 4.4 | 413                  | 0.7 | 19,313         | 31.3 | 22,453   | 36.4 | 4,872                       | 7.9                                 | 2,715                           | 4.4       | 115   | 0.2        |
| June ..           | 2,287                            | 4.7 | 387                  | 0.8 | 16,177         | 33.6 | 18,851   | 39.1 | 4,443                       | 9.2                                 | 1,747                           | 3.6       | 33    | 0.1        |
| 1950-51—          |                                  |     |                      |     |                |      |          |      |                             |                                     |                                 |           |       |            |
| July ..           | 2,465                            | 4.9 | 347                  | 0.7 | 17,787         | 35.1 | 20,599   | 40.7 | 3,841                       | 7.6                                 | 1,918                           | 3.8       | 42    | 0.1        |
| August ..         | 3,739                            | 5.8 | 675                  | 1.1 | 22,462         | 35.1 | 26,876   | 42.0 | 4,941                       | 7.7                                 | 2,214                           | 3.5       | 87    | 0.1        |
| September         | 2,666                            | 4.7 | 655                  | 1.2 | 20,171         | 35.4 | 23,492   | 41.3 | 5,254                       | 9.2                                 | 2,496                           | 4.4       | 38    | 0.1        |
| October           | 2,762                            | 5.0 | 490                  | 0.9 | 19,394         | 35.5 | 22,646   | 41.4 | 4,907                       | 9.0                                 | 3,041                           | 5.6       | 62    | 0.1        |
| November          | 2,807                            | 4.9 | 601                  | 1.0 | 22,080         | 38.3 | 25,488   | 44.2 | 4,778                       | 8.3                                 | 2,789                           | 4.8       | 40    | 0.1        |
| December          | 3,039                            | 6.1 | 430                  | 0.9 | 18,898         | 38.1 | 22,367   | 45.1 | 3,540                       | 7.1                                 | 2,926                           | 5.9       | 26    | 0.1        |
| January ..        | 3,918                            | 6.3 | 240                  | 0.4 | 21,730         | 34.9 | 25,888   | 41.6 | 5,366                       | 8.6                                 | 3,441                           | 5.5       | 187   | 0.3        |
| February          | 3,967                            | 5.9 | 352                  | 0.5 | 23,522         | 34.9 | 27,841   | 41.3 | 6,192                       | 9.2                                 | 3,124                           | 4.6       | 74    | 0.1        |
| March ..          | 3,546                            | 6.0 | 164                  | 0.3 | 22,662         | 38.8 | 26,372   | 45.1 | 3,797                       | 6.5                                 | 2,371                           | 4.1       | 36    | 0.1        |
| April ..          | 4,113                            | 6.1 | 363                  | 0.5 | 27,296         | 40.1 | 31,772   | 46.7 | 5,935                       | 8.7                                 | 3,325                           | 4.9       | 170   | 0.3        |
| May ..            | 3,581                            | 4.7 | 280                  | 0.4 | 33,452         | 44.0 | 37,313   | 49.1 | 5,919                       | 7.8                                 | 3,584                           | 4.7       | 102   | 0.1        |
| June ..           | 4,380                            | 5.8 | 398                  | 0.5 | 32,291         | 42.6 | 37,069   | 48.9 | 5,878                       | 7.8                                 | 2,728                           | 3.6       | 255   | 0.3        |
| 1951-52 p—        |                                  |     |                      |     |                |      |          |      |                             |                                     |                                 |           |       |            |
| July ..           | 3,232                            | 4.0 | 422                  | 0.5 | 36,818         | 45.6 | 40,472   | 50.1 | 5,974                       | 7.4                                 | 4,173                           | 5.2       | 156   | 0.2        |
| August ..         | 5,175                            | 6.4 | 698                  | 0.9 | 32,835         | 41.0 | 38,708   | 48.3 | 5,431                       | 6.8                                 | 2,940                           | 3.7       | 101   | 0.1        |
| September         | 5,183                            | 5.5 | 465                  | 0.5 | 42,478         | 44.7 | 48,126   | 50.7 | 5,899                       | 6.2                                 | 6,157                           | 6.5       | 200   | 0.2        |
| October..         | 6,367                            | 5.7 | 495                  | 0.4 | 45,293         | 40.8 | 52,155   | 46.9 | 5,154                       | 4.6                                 | 8,431                           | 7.6       | 321   | 0.3        |
| November          | 4,714                            | 4.8 | 846                  | 0.9 | 37,711         | 38.6 | 43,271   | 44.3 | 5,984                       | 6.1                                 | 6,432                           | 6.6       | 564   | 0.6        |
| December          | 5,638                            | 8.3 | 667                  | 1.0 | 27,162         | 39.7 | 33,467   | 49.0 | 3,884                       | 5.6                                 | 3,679                           | 5.4       | 514   | 0.8        |
| January ..        | 8,144                            | 7.2 | 620                  | 0.5 | 46,944         | 41.3 | 55,708   | 49.0 | 8,079                       | 7.1                                 | 4,522                           | 4.0       | 1,753 | 1.5        |
| February          | 5,604                            | 5.3 | 471                  | 0.5 | 41,109         | 38.8 | 47,184   | 44.6 | 5,515                       | 5.2                                 | 7,709                           | 7.3       | 1,509 | 1.4        |
| March ..          | 4,736                            | 5.5 | 334                  | 0.4 | 31,587         | 37.0 | 36,657   | 42.9 | 6,540                       | 7.7                                 | 5,704                           | 6.7       | 1,663 | 2.0        |
| April ..          | 4,528                            | 5.6 | 396                  | 0.4 | 29,541         | 36.3 | 34,465   | 42.3 | 5,595                       | 6.9                                 | 4,793                           | 5.9       | 2,127 | 2.6        |
| May ..            | 3,629                            | 4.8 | 497                  | 0.7 | 24,611         | 32.7 | 28,737   | 38.2 | 6,753                       | 9.0                                 | 5,042                           | 6.7       | 2,626 | 3.5        |

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

| Period.           | Capital Equipment.    |                                   |  |             |                   |                              | Finished Consumers' Goods. |            |        |                    |              |                |           |      |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|--------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|------|
|                   | Producers' Equipment. | Transport Equipment.              |  |             |                   | Food, Beverages and Tobacco. | Clothing and Accessories.  | All Other. | Total. |                    |              |                |           |      |
|                   |                       | Road Vehicles and Complete Parts. | Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft. |             |                   |                              |                            |            |        |                    |              |                |           |      |
|                   |                       |                                   | Class IV.                                      | Class V. B. | Class V. A, C, D. |                              |                            |            |        | Class VI. A, B, C. | Class VI. D. | Class VI. E-J. | Class VI. |      |
| Monthly Averages. |                       |                                   |  |             |                   |                              |                            |            |        |                    |              |                |           |      |
| 1936-37 ..        | 884                   | 10.3                              | 872  | 10.2        | 146               | 1.7                          | 516                        | 6.0        | 46     | 0.5                | 1,157        | 13.4           | 1,719     | 19.9 |
| 1937-38 ..        | 1,149                 | 10.9                              | 1,161  | 11.0        | 205               | 1.9                          | 531                        | 5.0        | 68     | 0.6                | 1,299        | 12.3           | 1,898     | 17.9 |
| 1938-39 ..        | 1,104                 | 11.7                              | 899  | 9.5         | 119               | 1.3                          | 564                        | 6.0        | 84     | 0.9                | 1,217        | 12.9           | 1,865     | 19.8 |
| 1944-45 ..        | 1,263                 | 7.2                               | 1,667  | 9.4         | 72                | 0.4                          | 608                        | 3.4        | 115    | 0.7                | 881          | 5.0            | 1,604     | 9.1  |
| 1945-46 ..        | 1,179                 | 8.0                               | 970  | 6.5         | 105               | 0.7                          | 636                        | 4.3        | 51     | 0.3                | 940          | 6.4            | 1,627     | 11.0 |
| 1946-47 ..        | 1,435                 | 8.3                               | 1,544  | 8.9         | 231               | 1.3                          | 868                        | 5.0        | 107    | 0.6                | 1,777        | 10.2           | 2,752     | 15.8 |
| 1947-48 ..        | 2,393                 | 8.5                               | 2,437  | 8.6         | 172               | 0.6                          | 1,617                      | 5.7        | 280    | 1.0                | 3,330        | 11.9           | 5,227     | 18.6 |
| 1948-49 ..        | 3,409                 | 9.9                               | 4,231  | 12.2        | 355               | 1.0                          | 1,619                      | 4.7        | 614    | 1.8                | 3,714        | 10.9           | 5,947     | 17.4 |
| 1949-50 ..        | 5,297                 | 11.9                              | 8,643  | 19.3        | 497               | 1.1                          | 2,163                      | 4.8        | 578    | 1.3                | 4,233        | 9.5            | 6,974     | 15.6 |
| 1950-51 ..        | 6,675                 | 10.8                              | 9,239  | 14.9        | 1,137             | 1.8                          | 2,871                      | 4.7        | 745    | 1.2                | 5,893        | 9.5            | 9,509     | 15.4 |
| Monthly Totals.   |                       |                                   |  |             |                   |                              |                            |            |        |                    |              |                |           |      |
| 1949-50—          |                       |                                   |  |             |                   |                              |                            |            |        |                    |              |                |           |      |
| May ..            | 7,694                 | 12.5                              | 13,647   | 22.1        | 783               | 1.3                          | 3,021                      | 4.9        | 509    | 0.8                | 5,845        | 9.5            | 9,375     | 15.2 |
| June ..           | 5,272                 | 10.9                              | 8,776  | 18.2        | 955               | 2.0                          | 3,289                      | 6.8        | 413    | 0.9                | 4,431        | 9.2            | 8,133     | 16.9 |
| 1950-51—          |                       |                                   |  |             |                   |                              |                            |            |        |                    |              |                |           |      |
| July ..           | 5,900                 | 11.6                              | 9,087  | 18.0        | 684               | 1.3                          | 3,238                      | 6.4        | 499    | 1.0                | 4,799        | 9.5            | 8,536     | 16.9 |
| August ..         | 7,702                 | 12.0                              | 11,102   | 17.4        | 730               | 1.1                          | 2,804                      | 4.4        | 690    | 1.1                | 6,852        | 10.7           | 10,346    | 16.2 |
| September         | 5,992                 | 10.5                              | 10,034   | 17.6        | 1,363             | 2.4                          | 2,007                      | 3.5        | 722    | 1.3                | 5,512        | 9.7            | 8,241     | 14.5 |
| October           | 6,000                 | 11.0                              | 8,440  | 15.4        | 673               | 1.2                          | 2,432                      | 4.4        | 586    | 1.1                | 5,913        | 10.8           | 8,931     | 16.3 |
| November          | 6,466                 | 11.2                              | 8,328  | 14.4        | 1,269             | 2.2                          | 2,642                      | 4.6        | 747    | 1.3                | 5,144        | 8.9            | 8,533     | 14.8 |
| December          | 5,226                 | 10.5                              | 6,965  | 14.1        | 1,256             | 2.5                          | 2,287                      | 4.6        | 524    | 1.1                | 4,445        | 9.0            | 7,256     | 14.7 |
| January ..        | 6,475                 | 10.4                              | 10,106   | 16.3        | 896               | 1.4                          | 3,149                      | 5.1        | 890    | 1.4                | 5,781        | 9.4            | 9,820     | 15.9 |
| February          | 8,822                 | 13.1                              | 10,692   | 15.9        | 1,043             | 1.5                          | 2,893                      | 4.3        | 846    | 1.3                | 5,866        | 8.7            | 9,605     | 14.3 |
| March ..          | 6,038                 | 10.3                              | 8,768  | 15.0        | 2,037             | 3.5                          | 2,617                      | 4.5        | 1,020  | 1.7                | 5,381        | 9.2            | 9,018     | 15.4 |
| April ..          | 6,748                 | 9.9                               | 8,864  | 13.0        | 1,243             | 1.8                          | 2,722                      | 4.0        | 830    | 1.2                | 6,454        | 9.5            | 10,006    | 14.7 |
| May ..            | 7,682                 | 10.1                              | 9,469  | 12.5        | 679               | 0.9                          | 3,962                      | 5.2        | 741    | 1.0                | 6,569        | 8.6            | 11,272    | 14.8 |
| June ..           | 7,055                 | 9.3                               | 9,010  | 11.9        | 1,770             | 2.3                          | 3,695                      | 4.9        | 850    | 1.1                | 7,508        | 9.9            | 12,053    | 15.9 |
| 1951-52 p—        |                       |                                   |  |             |                   |                              |                            |            |        |                    |              |                |           |      |
| July ..           | 7,027                 | 8.7                               | 9,250  | 11.5        | 1,321             | 1.6                          | 4,659                      | 5.8        | 736    | 0.9                | 6,944        | 8.6            | 12,339    | 15.3 |
| August ..         | 9,270                 | 11.5                              | 10,049   | 12.5        | 1,278             | 1.6                          | 3,443                      | 4.3        | 831    | 1.1                | 8,116        | 10.1           | 12,390    | 15.5 |
| September         | 8,876                 | 9.3                               | 9,780  | 10.3        | 1,421             | 1.5                          | 3,815                      | 4.0        | 1,399  | 1.5                | 9,260        | 9.8            | 14,474    | 15.3 |
| October ..        | 10,985                | 9.9                               | 14,083   | 12.7        | 1,958             | 1.8                          | 4,327                      | 3.9        | 1,560  | 1.4                | 12,115       | 10.9           | 18,002    | 16.2 |
| November          | 9,795                 | 10.0                              | 13,582   | 13.9        | 2,110             | 2.2                          | 3,687                      | 3.8        | 1,558  | 1.6                | 10,666       | 10.9           | 15,911    | 16.3 |
| December          | 7,210                 | 10.6                              | 8,087  | 11.8        | 1,053             | 1.5                          | 2,039                      | 3.0        | 1,065  | 1.6                | 7,340        | 10.7           | 10,444    | 15.3 |
| January ..        | 11,374                | 10.0                              | 13,992   | 12.3        | 2,864             | 2.5                          | 3,096                      | 2.7        | 1,785  | 1.6                | 10,587       | 9.3            | 15,468    | 13.6 |
| February          | 11,450                | 10.8                              | 15,836   | 15.0        | 2,390             | 2.2                          | 2,698                      | 2.5        | 1,856  | 1.8                | 9,746        | 9.2            | 14,300    | 13.5 |
| March ..          | 10,190                | 11.9                              | 10,714   | 12.5        | 1,086             | 1.3                          | 2,617                      | 3.1        | 1,543  | 1.8                | 8,664        | 10.1           | 12,824    | 15.0 |
| April ..          | 10,893                | 13.4                              | 10,691   | 13.1        | 1,303             | 1.6                          | 2,441                      | 3.0        | 901    | 1.1                | 8,232        | 10.1           | 11,574    | 14.2 |
| May ..            | 12,447                | 16.5                              | 10,073   | 13.4        | 1,479             | 1.9                          | 2,206                      | 2.9        | 419    | 0.5                | 5,516        | 7.4            | 8,141     | 10.8 |

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

| Period.           | Producers' Materials.<br>(Class I.) |                     |                          | Finished Consumers' Goods.<br>(Class VI.) |                     |                          | Total Imports of Merchandise.<br>(All Classes.) |                     |                          |         |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|---------|
|                   | Crude.                              | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude.                                    | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Crude.  | Simply transformed. | Elaborately transformed. | Total.  |
| Monthly Averages. |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| 1936-37..         | 1,024                               | 373                 | 2,528                    | 45  | 303                 | 1,371                    | 1,069   | 1,505               | 6,032                    | 8,606   |
| 1937-38..         | 1,241                               | 449                 | 3,222                    | 48  | 300                 | 1,550                    | 1,289   | 1,796               | 7,530                    | 10,615  |
| 1938-39..         | 1,100                               | 351                 | 2,704                    | 55  | 309                 | 1,501                    | 1,155   | 1,627               | 6,653                    | 9,435   |
| 1944-45..         | 1,320                               | 632                 | 4,573                    | 106                                       | 380                 | 1,118                    | 1,426   | 2,930               | 13,318                   | 17,674  |
| 1945-46..         | 1,810                               | 631                 | 3,603                    | 75  | 485                 | 1,067                    | 1,885   | 3,048               | 9,825                    | 14,758  |
| 1946-47..         | 2,422                               | 795                 | 5,099                    | 109                                       | 634                 | 2,009                    | 2,531   | 3,321               | 11,510                   | 17,362  |
| 1947-48..         | 2,903                               | 1,803               | 8,672                    | 107                                       | 1,110               | 4,010                    | 3,010   | 5,872               | 19,292                   | 28,174  |
| 1948-49..         | 3,273                               | 2,059               | 9,725                    | 133                                       | 899                 | 4,915                    | 3,406   | 6,738               | 24,361                   | 34,505  |
| 1949-50..         | 3,916                               | 1,777               | 11,202                   | 180                                       | 1,277               | 5,517                    | 4,096   | 7,851               | 32,730                   | 44,677  |
| 1950-51           | 7,012                               | 3,185               | 17,114                   | 273                                       | 1,600               | 7,636                    | 7,285   | 10,961              | 43,577                   | 61,823  |
| Monthly Totals.   |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| 1949-50—          |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| May ..            | 5,686                               | 2,342               | 14,425                   | 234                                       | 1,812               | 7,329                    | 5,920   | 10,395              | 45,339                   | 61,654  |
| June ..           | 5,616                               | 1,831               | 11,404                   | 310                                       | 2,196               | 5,627                    | 5,926   | 9,360               | 32,924                   | 48,210  |
| 1950-51—          |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| July ..           | 4,064                               | 2,939               | 13,596                   | 237                                       | 2,299               | 6,000                    | 4,301   | 10,119              | 36,187                   | 50,607  |
| August ..         | 6,067                               | 2,811               | 17,998                   | 218                                       | 1,587               | 8,541                    | 6,285   | 10,661              | 47,052                   | 63,998  |
| September ..      | 6,250                               | 2,506               | 14,736                   | 175                                       | 1,173               | 6,893                    | 6,425   | 10,108              | 40,377                   | 56,910  |
| October ..        | 5,553                               | 2,926               | 14,167                   | 447                                       | 1,201               | 7,283                    | 6,000   | 10,057              | 38,643                   | 54,700  |
| November ..       | 7,337                               | 2,545               | 15,606                   | 208                                       | 1,717               | 6,608                    | 7,545   | 10,117              | 40,029                   | 57,691  |
| December ..       | 5,763                               | 2,274               | 14,330                   | 194                                       | 1,205               | 5,857                    | 5,957   | 7,943               | 35,662                   | 49,562  |
| January ..        | 5,600                               | 2,633               | 17,655                   | 128                                       | 2,045               | 7,647                    | 5,728   | 11,244              | 45,207                   | 62,179  |
| February ..       | 6,925                               | 3,363               | 17,553                   | 377                                       | 1,543               | 7,685                    | 7,302   | 12,376              | 47,715                   | 67,393  |
| March ..          | 8,144                               | 2,942               | 15,286                   | 352                                       | 1,253               | 7,413                    | 8,496   | 9,002               | 40,939                   | 58,437  |
| April ..          | 10,053                              | 3,733               | 17,986                   | 311                                       | 1,407               | 8,288                    | 10,364  | 12,228              | 45,471                   | 68,063  |
| May ..            | 10,159                              | 5,186               | 21,968                   | 343                                       | 2,068               | 8,861                    | 10,502  | 14,445              | 51,073                   | 76,020  |
| June ..           | 8,227                               | 4,360               | 24,482                   | 289                                       | 1,700               | 10,064                   | 8,516   | 13,231              | 54,071                   | 75,818  |
| 1951-52 p—        |                                     |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |   |                     |                          |         |
| July ..           | 14,925                              | 4,141               | 21,406                   | 649                                       | 2,525               | 9,165                    | 15,574  | 13,902              | 51,236                   | 80,712  |
| August ..         | 6,159                               | 5,934               | 26,615                   | 633                                       | 1,482               | 10,275                   | 6,792   | 14,480              | 58,895                   | 80,167  |
| September ..      | 7,083                               | 5,501               | 35,542                   | 524                                       | 1,674               | 12,276                   | 7,607   | 14,809              | 72,517                   | 94,933  |
| October ..        | 10,439                              | 7,707               | 34,009                   | 669                                       | 1,574               | 15,759                   | 11,108  | 16,585              | 83,396                   | 111,089 |
| November ..       | 7,625                               | 5,926               | 29,720                   | 294                                       | 1,591               | 14,026                   | 7,919   | 15,612              | 74,118                   | 97,649  |
| December ..       | 5,386                               | 3,825               | 24,256                   | 143                                       | 765                 | 9,536                    | 5,529   | 9,895               | 52,914                   | 68,338  |
| January ..        | 10,808                              | 7,976               | 36,924                   | 251                                       | 1,366               | 13,851                   | 11,059  | 19,678              | 83,023                   | 113,760 |
| February ..       | 8,448                               | 4,872               | 33,864                   | 202                                       | 1,313               | 12,785                   | 8,650   | 14,031              | 83,212                   | 105,893 |
| March ..          | 6,808                               | 3,171               | 26,678                   | 167                                       | 1,154               | 11,503                   | 6,975   | 12,703              | 65,700                   | 85,378  |
| April ..          | 4,616                               | 3,090               | 26,759                   | 260                                       | 1,243               | 10,071                   | 4,876   | 11,814              | 64,751                   | 81,441  |
| May ..            | 6,498                               | 2,512               | 19,727                   | 375                                       | 1,087               | 6,679                    | 6,873   | 12,011              | 56,414                   | 75,298  |

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately" transformed.

# EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 F.O.B.)

| Period.           | Wool.   | Wheat and Flour. | Butter. | Sugar. | Meats.   | Hides and Skins. | Lead. | Dried Fruits. | Fresh Fruits. | Total Exports (Excluding Gold). |
|-------------------|---------|------------------|---------|--------|----------|------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Monthly Averages. |         |                  |         |        |          |                  |       |               |               |                                 |
| 1936-37 .. ..     | 5,209   | 2,029            | 734     | 309    | 861      | 609              | 402   | 172           | 165           | 12,374                          |
| 1937-38 .. ..     | 3,915   | 2,245            | 898     | 336    | 1,021    | 516              | 409   | 224           | 171           | 11,806                          |
| 1938-39 .. ..     | 3,561   | 1,106            | 1,074   | 348    | 982      | 342              | 356   | 239           | 169           | 10,212                          |
| 1945-46 .. ..     | 5,772   | 1,463            | 1,023   | 268    | 1,168    | 986              | 352   | 179           | 105           | 16,404                          |
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 10,511  | 2,406            | 1,048   | 235    | 1,761    | 1,228            | 904   | 202           | 129           | 25,746                          |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 12,396  | 7,053            | 1,719   | 264    | 1,882    | 1,030            | 1,148 | 213           | 324           | 33,832                          |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 19,283  | 8,202            | 1,984   | 1,108  | (a)2,388 | 1,017            | 1,856 | 288           | 260           | 45,217                          |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 26,096  | 7,376            | 2,056   | 1,185  | 2,854    | 1,263            | 1,416 | 241           | 328           | 51,131                          |
| 1950-51 .. ..     | 52,779  | 8,921            | 1,539   | 1,240  | 2,533    | 2,272            | 1,796 | 389           | 477           | 81,805                          |
| 1951-52 .. ..     | 27,013  | 7,390            | 371     | 586    | 2,968    | 1,428            | 2,157 | 472           | 573           | 55,780                          |
| Monthly Totals.   |         |                  |         |        |          |                  |       |               |               |                                 |
| 1949-50—          |         |                  |         |        |          |                  |       |               |               |                                 |
| June .. ..        | 22,367  | 6,477            | 1,390   | 384    | 2,973    | 1,302            | 1,386 | 435           | 841           | 47,595                          |
| 1950-51—          |         |                  |         |        |          |                  |       |               |               |                                 |
| July .. ..        | 27,301  | 6,098            | 355     | 406    | 2,720    | 1,261            | 1,144 | 933           | 239           | 49,176                          |
| August .. ..      | 13,056  | 7,727            | 520     | 2,120  | 1,772    | 2,125            | 1,021 | 335           | 288           | 38,461                          |
| September .. ..   | 16,427  | 10,790           | 809     | 2,101  | 2,858    | 2,030            | 2,104 | 382           | 114           | 46,368                          |
| October .. ..     | 53,849  | 10,791           | 1,548   | 1,620  | 2,688    | 2,367            | 2,014 | 385           | 258           | 86,672                          |
| November .. ..    | 66,189  | 9,420            | 1,859   | 1,730  | 2,080    | 1,944            | 2,123 | 179           | 124           | 95,778                          |
| December .. ..    | 50,995  | 5,828            | 3,352   | 1,601  | 1,734    | 1,726            | 333   | 117           | 59            | 72,233                          |
| January .. ..     | 69,928  | 9,879            | 2,547   | 1,315  | 2,058    | 1,862            | 1,346 | 63            | 87            | 98,826                          |
| February .. ..    | 54,273  | 8,127            | 3,977   | 1,958  | 2,986    | 2,895            | 705   | 45            | 105           | 85,143                          |
| March .. ..       | 69,499  | 8,371            | 1,377   | 887    | 2,130    | 2,238            | 563   | 46            | 334           | 94,563                          |
| April .. ..       | 101,817 | 8,623            | 1,052   | 368    | 2,660    | 3,408            | 2,926 | 502           | 1,170         | 136,036                         |
| May .. ..         | 64,961  | 10,315           | 660     | 375    | 3,538    | 3,157            | 2,070 | 726           | 1,663         | 98,660                          |
| June .. ..        | 45,049  | 11,077           | 413     | 395    | 3,166    | 2,250            | 5,203 | 956           | 1,286         | 79,746                          |
| 1951-52 p—        |         |                  |         |        |          |                  |       |               |               |                                 |
| July .. ..        | 27,002  | 9,557            | 241     | 1,263  | 3,808    | 1,757            | 1,518 | 921           | 361           | 58,294                          |
| August .. ..      | 10,818  | 11,671           | 119     | 2,106  | 4,062    | 1,717            | 2,346 | 520           | 312           | 45,879                          |
| September .. ..   | 11,209  | 9,172            | 29      | 799    | 3,014    | 1,266            | 2,709 | 431           | 111           | 39,133                          |
| October .. ..     | 26,296  | 9,720            | 182     | 950    | 3,084    | 1,663            | 2,577 | 462           | 134           | 57,293                          |
| November .. ..    | 36,652  | 6,879            | 885     | 1,088  | 2,874    | 1,724            | 3,248 | 238           | 125           | 66,910                          |
| December .. ..    | 30,617  | 3,233            | 359     | 218    | 2,327    | 1,088            | 1,278 | 114           | 53            | 49,656                          |
| January .. ..     | 36,721  | 5,464            | 991     | 30     | 2,412    | 1,572            | 1,155 | 96            | 72            | 64,382                          |
| February .. ..    | 32,649  | 5,493            | 394     | 57     | 2,282    | 1,510            | 1,100 | 52            | 119           | 56,750                          |
| March .. ..       | 38,232  | 5,899            | 196     | 54     | 2,509    | 1,338            | 2,928 | 5             | 345           | 66,866                          |
| April .. ..       | 30,399  | 7,972            | 157     | 31     | 2,721    | 1,263            | 3,056 | 575           | 991           | 59,479                          |
| May .. ..         | 21,316  | 7,549            | 500     | 294    | 3,639    | 1,010            | 1,183 | 1,351         | 2,098         | 51,891                          |
| June .. ..        | 22,248  | 6,070            | 397     | 142    | 2,887    | 1,222            | 2,787 | 902           | 2,149         | 52,831                          |

(a) Prior to July, 1948, included Soups (1948-49 monthly average exports £92,000).

## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (since July, 1945) the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

### SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.   |        | Wool. | Wheat. | Butter. | Metals.<br>(a) | Meats.<br>(b) | Sugar. | Dried<br>Fruits.<br>(c) | Tallow. | Hides.<br>(d) | Gold.   | All Groups.             |                         |
|---|--------|-------|--------|---------|----------------|---------------|--------|-------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|   |        |       |        |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |         | Ex-<br>cluding<br>Gold. | In-<br>cluding<br>Gold. |
| Percentage Dis-<br>tribution of<br>Base Aggregate | (e)    | 45.63 | 17.06  | 11.36   | 6.83           | 6.63          | 2.40   | 1.81                    | 0.64    | 0.66          | 6.98    | ..                      | 100.00                  |
|   | (f)    | 49.05 | 18.34  | 12.21   | 7.34           | 7.13          | 2.58   | 1.94                    | 0.69    | 0.72          | ..      | 100.00                  | ..                      |
| 1936-37   | ..     | 122   | 123    | 92      | 120            | 98            | 104    | 103                     | 122     | 113           | 99      | 116                     | 115                     |
| 1937-38   | ..     | 99    | 111    | 107     | 96             | 106           | 92     | 103                     | 100     | 100           | 98      | 102                     | 102                     |
| 1938-39   | ..     | 79    | 66     | 101     | 84             | 96            | 104    | 94                      | 78      | 87            | 103     | 82                      | 83                      |
| 1945-46   | ..     | 117   | 213    | 147     | 196            | 123           | 213    | 137                     | 161     | 152           | 122     | 148                     | 146                     |
| 1946-47   | ..     | 173   | 305    | 173     | 308            | 139           | 264    | 152                     | 361     | 334           | 122     | 209                     | 203                     |
| 1947-48   | ..     | 287   | 420    | 193     | 372            | 146           | 320    | 157                     | 436     | 364           | 122     | 296                     | 283                     |
| 1948-49   | ..     | 365   | 413    | 233     | 478            | 171           | 343    | 162                     | 499     | 421           | 122     | 348                     | 332                     |
| 1949-50   | ..     | 473   | 400    | 250     | 421            | 196           | 369    | 176                     | 400     | 479           | 164     | 399                     | 383                     |
| 1950-51   | ..     | 999   | 432    | 271     | 689            | 209           | 410    | 226                     | 356     | 752           | 176     | 690                     | 654                     |
| 1951-52   | ..     | 564   | 424    | 291     | 811            | 263           | 464    | 302                     | 451     | 486           | (h) 184 | 492                     | 471                     |
| 1949-50—  |        |       |        |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |         |                         |                         |
| June  | ..     | 592   | 435    | 250     | 494            | 200           | 394    | 185                     | 363     | 486           | 176     | 471                     | 450                     |
| 1950-51—  |        |       |        |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |         |                         |                         |
| July  | .. (g) | 592   | 424    | 271     | 496            | 205           | 394    | 187                     | 363     | 490           | 176     | 472                     | 451                     |
| August  | ..     | 864   | 423    | 271     | 547            | 205           | 394    | 187                     | 363     | 578           | 176     | 609                     | 579                     |
| September   | ..     | 890   | 419    | 271     | 675            | 205           | 394    | 187                     | 363     | 632           | 176     | 631                     | 599                     |
| October   | ..     | 890   | 427    | 271     | 681            | 208           | 394    | 187                     | 354     | 663           | 176     | 634                     | 602                     |
| November  | ..     | 965   | 436    | 271     | 704            | 208           | 394    | 187                     | 354     | 693           | 176     | 674                     | 639                     |
| December  | ..     | 973   | 437    | 271     | 700            | 208           | 394    | 187                     | 354     | 719           | 176     | 678                     | 643                     |
| January   | ..     | 1,252 | 430    | 271     | 713            | 208           | 426    | 187                     | 354     | 838           | 176     | 816                     | 771                     |
| February  | ..     | 1,339 | 423    | 271     | 714            | 208           | 426    | 187                     | 354     | 1,041         | 176     | 859                     | 811                     |
| March   | ..     | 1,437 | 428    | 271     | 739            | 208           | 426    | 303                     | 354     | 1,010         | 176     | 912                     | 860                     |
| April   | ..     | 1,094 | 443    | 271     | 774            | 208           | 426    | 303                     | 354     | 829           | 176     | 747                     | 708                     |
| May   | ..     | 973   | 445    | 271     | 771            | 219           | 426    | 303                     | 354     | 811           | 176     | 689                     | 653                     |
| June  | ..     | 717   | 447    | 271     | 751            | 219           | 426    | 303                     | 354     | 726           | 176     | 562                     | 535                     |
| 1951-52—  |        |       |        |         |                |               |        |                         |         |               |         |                         |                         |
| July  | .. (g) | 717   | 449    | 291     | 842            | 237           | 426    | 303                     | 354     | 616           | 176     | 572                     | 544                     |
| August  | ..     | 551   | 452    | 291     | 842            | 237           | 426    | 303                     | 354     | 521           | 176     | 490                     | 468                     |
| September   | ..     | 498   | 445    | 291     | 862            | 237           | 426    | 303                     | 354     | 541           | 176     | 465                     | 445                     |
| October   | ..     | 686   | 416    | 291     | 869            | 271           | 426    | 303                     | 483     | 575           | 176     | 556                     | 529                     |
| November  | ..     | 603   | 416    | 291     | 835            | 271           | 426    | 303                     | 483     | 566           | 176     | 512                     | 489                     |
| December  | ..     | 581   | 416    | 291     | 860            | 271           | 426    | 303                     | 483     | 561 (h)       | 189     | 503                     | 481                     |
| January   | ..     | 566   | 416    | 291     | 825            | 271           | 501    | 303                     | 483     | 531 (h)       | 193     | 495                     | 474                     |
| February  | ..     | 520   | 416    | 291     | 827            | 271           | 501    | 303                     | 483     | 451 (h)       | 196     | 472                     | 453                     |
| March   | ..     | 460   | 416    | 291     | 817            | 273           | 501    | 300                     | 483     | 378 (h)       | 193     | 442                     | 424                     |
| April   | ..     | 475   | 416    | 291     | 799            | 273           | 501    | 300                     | 483     | 398 (h)       | 187     | 448                     | 430                     |
| May   | ..     | 543   | 416    | 291     | 711            | 273           | 501    | 300                     | 483     | 346 (h)       | 184     | 474                     | 454                     |
| June  | ..     | 566   | 416    | 291     | 641            | 273           | 501    | 300                     | 483     | 343 (h)       | 186     | 480                     | 460                     |

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. (c) Sultanias, lexiass, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) For All Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (f) For All Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) Nominal. (h) The price used in the index since 14th December, 1951, is the price of industrial gold on overseas premium markets.



## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

### RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 18 hereof will show the great increases and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards occurred in the price of wool during the twelve months ended June, 1951. Similar, but less marked, movements have occurred in prices of metals and hides. Since wool is a predominant export (with 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the movements affecting the other components in the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Section : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period. | Wool. | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Month.          | 1950-51. |               |             | 1951-52. |               |             |
|---------|-------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|-------------|
|         |       |               |             |                 | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. | Wool.    | Other Groups. | All Groups. |
| 1936-37 | 122   | 108           | 115         | July .. ..      | (a)592   | 333           | 451         | (a)717   | 400           | 544         |
| 1937-38 | 99    | 105           | 102         | August .. ..    | 864      | 340           | 579         | 551      | 400           | 468         |
| 1938-39 | 79    | 87            | 83          | September .. .. | 890      | 355           | 599         | 498      | 400           | 445         |
|         |       |               |             | October .. ..   | 890      | 360           | 602         | 686      | 398           | 529         |
|         |       |               |             | November .. ..  | 965      | 366           | 639         | 603      | 393           | 489         |
| 1945-46 | 117   | 171           | 146         | December .. ..  | 973      | 366           | 643         | 581      | 398           | 481         |
| 1946-47 | 173   | 228           | 203         | January .. ..   | 1,252    | 368           | 771         | 566      | 397           | 474         |
| 1947-48 | 287   | 280           | 283         | February .. ..  | 1,339    | 369           | 811         | 520      | 397           | 453         |
| 1948-49 | 365   | 305           | 332         | March .. ..     | 1,437    | 377           | 860         | 460      | 395           | 424         |
| 1949-50 | 473   | 308           | 383         | April .. ..     | 1,094    | 384           | 708         | 475      | 392           | 430         |
| 1950-51 | 999   | 365           | 654         | May .. ..       | 973      | 385           | 653         | 543      | 380           | 454         |
| 1951-52 | 564   | 393           | 471         | June .. ..      | 717      | 383           | 535         | 566      | 371           | 460         |

(a) Nominal.

### MONTH-TO-MONTH INDEX : CHANGING WEIGHTS.

The index-numbers in the two preceding tables, while they indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. In consequence the index-numbers do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the index-numbers (including gold) in the following table, in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month. The index-numbers are designed solely for comparisons of current prices with those of the corresponding months, or periods of months, of the preceding year.

(Base : Weighted Average Price level in corresponding months of preceding year = 100.)

| Month.          | Month stated compared with same month of preceding year. |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | Period of trade year ending in month stated compared with same period of preceding year. |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|-----------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                 | 1949-50.   |                  | 1950-51.         |                  | 1951-52.         |                  | 1949-50.   |                  | 1950-51.         |                  | 1951-52.         |                  |
|                 | Ex-cluding Wool.   | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool.   | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. | Ex-cluding Wool. | In-cluding Wool. |
| July .. ..      | 84   | 91               | 119              | 156              | 116              | 119              | 84   | 91               | 119              | 156              | 116              | 119              |
| August .. ..    | 87   | 92               | 119              | 182              | 113              | 87               | 86   | 92               | 119              | 168              | 114              | 104              |
| September .. .. | 92   | 94               | 117              | 174              | 110              | 80               | 88   | 92               | 118              | 170              | 113              | 96               |
| October .. ..   | 96   | 110              | 114              | 184              | 105              | 84               | 90   | 97               | 117              | 175              | 111              | 92               |
| November .. ..  | 97   | 108              | 117              | 196              | 104              | 70               | 91   | 100              | 117              | 181              | 109              | 84               |
| December .. ..  | 101  | 110              | 115              | 182              | 104              | 67               | 93   | 102              | 117              | 181              | 109              | 81               |
| January .. ..   | 104  | 130              | 112              | 196              | 104              | 54               | 94   | 106              | 116              | 184              | 108              | 75               |
| February .. ..  | 105  | 119              | 109              | 192              | 105              | 50               | 96   | 108              | 115              | 185              | 108              | 71               |
| March .. ..     | 104  | 119              | 113              | 226              | 102              | 41               | 97   | 110              | 115              | 191              | 107              | 66               |
| April .. ..     | 113  | 145              | 113              | 174              | 98               | 53               | 98   | 112              | 115              | 189              | 106              | 64               |
| May .. ..       | 116  | 159              | 112              | 145              | 96               | 65               | 100  | 118              | 114              | 183              | 105              | 64               |
| June .. ..      | 115  | 149              | 114              | 119              |                  |                  | 101  | 120              | 114              | 178              |                  |                  |

# WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from locally-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of variations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.             | Basic Materials. |                       |           |            |                   |                     |        | Food-stuffs and Tobacco. | Basic Materials and Foodstuffs. |                                  |                   |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
|                     | Metals and Coal. | Oils, Fats and Waxes. | Textiles. | Chemicals. | Rubber and Hides. | Building Materials. | Total. |                          | Goods principally Imported. (a) | Goods principally Home Produced. | Total All Groups. |
| 1936-37 ..          | 96               | 99                    | 118       | 99         | 111               | 99                  | 99     | 97                       | 99                              | 98                               | 98                |
| 1937-38 ..          | 101              | 101                   | 100       | 100        | 97                | 104                 | 102    | 100                      | 102                             | 100                              | 101               |
| 1938-39 ..          | 103              | 100                   | 82        | 101        | 92                | 97                  | 99     | 103                      | 99                              | 102                              | 101               |
| 1945-46 ..          | 130              | 156                   | 152       | 142        | 140               | 177                 | 149    | 135                      | 178                             | 126                              | 141               |
| 1946-47 ..          | 132              | 145                   | 191       | 140        | 131               | 180                 | 149    | 138                      | 177                             | 129                              | 143               |
| 1947-48 ..          | 146              | 161                   | 283       | 148        | 126               | 190                 | 166    | 153                      | 192                             | 145                              | 159               |
| 1948-49 ..          | 185              | 173                   | 342       | 159        | 130               | 198                 | 188    | 175                      | 201                             | 173                              | 181               |
| 1949-50 ..          | 214              | 184                   | 434       | 187        | 143               | 225                 | 214    | 198                      | 223                             | 198                              | 205               |
| 1950-51 ..          | 256              | 196                   | 641       | 242        | 292               | 268                 | 264    | 232                      | 256                             | 242                              | 246               |
| 1951-52 ..          | 343              | 220                   | 577       | 314        | 298               | 370                 | 321    | 280                      | 288                             | 304                              | 299               |
| 1949-50—<br>June .. | 219              | 190                   | 525       | 201        | 183               | 245                 | 230    | 217                      | 238                             | 217                              | 223               |
| 1950-51—<br>July .. | 222              | 190                   | 530       | 230        | 177               | 245                 | 234    | 214                      | 236                             | 218                              | 223               |
| August (b)          | 224              | 190                   | 558       | 232        | 191               | 245                 | 237    | 220                      | 240                             | 222                              | 227               |
| September (b)       | 227              | 190                   | 543       | 236        | 220               | 245                 | 239    | 220                      | 242                             | 222                              | 228               |
| October (b)         | 238              | 190                   | 544       | 236        | 275               | 246                 | 245    | 221                      | 247                             | 225                              | 232               |
| November (b)        | 246              | 190                   | 588       | 236        | 305               | 254                 | 253    | 225                      | 250                             | 232                              | 237               |
| December (b)        | 256              | 190                   | 596       | 239        | 338               | 255                 | 258    | 220                      | 255                             | 230                              | 237               |
| January (b)         | 258              | 190                   | 772       | 240        | 338               | 262                 | 271    | 220                      | 256                             | 238                              | 243               |
| February (b)        | 266              | 195                   | 836       | 251        | 347               | 279                 | 283    | 228                      | 264                             | 249                              | 253               |
| March (b)           | 280              | 202                   | 907       | 252        | 362               | 280                 | 294    | 246                      | 269                             | 268                              | 268               |
| April (b)           | 280              | 208                   | 703       | 252        | 329               | 296                 | 286    | 240                      | 268                             | 258                              | 261               |
| May (b)             | 289              | 208                   | 634       | 252        | 322               | 296                 | 285    | 251                      | 268                             | 266                              | 266               |
| June (b)            | 289              | 208                   | 479       | 254        | 304               | 311                 | 278    | 276                      | 272                             | 279                              | 277               |
| 1951-52—<br>July .. | 288              | 209                   | 490       | 300        | 301               | 314                 | 283    | 283                      | 271                             | 289                              | 283               |
| August ..           | 308              | 209                   | 604       | 301        | 351               | 316                 | 299    | 292                      | 274                             | 304                              | 295               |
| September ..        | 314              | 212                   | 566       | 305        | 348               | 320                 | 301    | 282                      | 276                             | 297                              | 291               |
| October ..          | 320              | 213                   | 698       | 305        | 347               | 344                 | 315    | 266                      | 282                             | 291                              | 288               |
| November ..         | 341              | 223                   | 633       | 307        | 323               | 362                 | 324    | 261                      | 289                             | 290                              | 290               |
| December ..         | 344              | 223                   | 616       | 313        | 271               | 364                 | 322    | 270                      | 286                             | 298                              | 294               |
| January ..          | 346              | 223                   | 605       | 313        | 270               | 365                 | 323    | 264                      | 286                             | 293                              | 291               |
| February ..         | 363              | 223                   | 560       | 317        | 264               | 394                 | 332    | 278                      | 295                             | 306                              | 302               |
| March ..            | 366              | 223                   | 504       | 327        | 261               | 394                 | 330    | 287                      | 295                             | 312                              | 306               |
| April ..            | 370              | 223                   | 517       | 327        | 262               | 395                 | 332    | 292                      | 296                             | 317                              | 310               |
| May ..              | 379              | 230                   | 559       | 327        | 278               | 433                 | 347    | 291                      | 301                             | 324                              | 317               |
| June ..             | 379              | 230                   | 570       | 331        | 296               | 433                 | 349    | 296                      | 301                             | 328                              | 320               |

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) This computation includes the price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using auction room price of wool see note (b) at foot of following page.

# WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.             | Aus-<br>tralia.                          | Canada.                   | France.                   | India.   | New<br>Zealand.                  | South<br>Africa.                    | Sweden.            | United Kingdom.    |                 | U.S.A.                                    |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|
|                     | Common-<br>wealth<br>Statist-<br>tician. | Dominion<br>Statistician. | Inst. Nat.<br>de la Stat. | Economic<br>Adviser to<br>the Gov-<br>ernment of<br>India. | Gov-<br>ernment<br>Statistician. | Census and<br>Statistics<br>Office. | Board of<br>Trade. | Board of<br>Trade. | Econo-<br>mist. | Bureau of<br>Labour<br>Statistics.<br>(a) |
| 1936-37 ..          | 98                                       | 101                       | 83                        | 104  | 96                               | 97                                  | 98                 | 100                | 105             | 104                                       |
| 1937-38 ..          | 101                                      | 104                       | 105                       | 100  | 102                              | 103                                 | 103                | 104                | 102             | 101                                       |
| 1938-39 ..          | 101                                      | 95                        | 112                       | 96   | 102                              | 100                                 | 99                 | 96                 | 93              | 95  |
| 1945-46 ..          | 141                                      | 132                       | 534                       | 244  | 157                              | 159                                 | 171                | 167                | 161             | 133                                       |
| 1946-47 ..          | 143                                      | 144                       | 889                       | 278  | 156                              | 164                                 | 174                | 178                | 181             | 170                                       |
| 1947-48 ..          | 159                                      | 175                       | 1,451                     | (b)328   | 173                              | 174                                 | 187                | 203                | 205             | 191                                       |
| 1948-49 ..          | 181                                      | 195                       | 2,032                     | 379  | 180                              | 186                                 | 196                | 218                | 218             | 194                                       |
| 1949-50 ..          | 205                                      | 195                       | 2,196                     | 389  | 184                              | 195                                 | 198                | 237                | 235             | 186                                       |
| 1950-51 ..          | 246                                      | 224                       | (c) 123                   | 426  | 210                              | 216                                 | 237                | 288                | 283             | 211                                       |
| 1951-52 ..          | 299                                      |                           |                           |  |                                  |                                     |                    |                    |                 |   |
| 1950-51—<br>June .. | (d) 277                                  | 237                       | 138                       | 457  | 226                              | 233                                 | 276                | 314                | 299             | 218                                       |
| 1951-52—<br>July .. | 283                                      | 238                       | 135                       | 447  | 228                              | 235                                 | 276                | 313                | 297             | 216                                       |
| August ..           | 295                                      | 236                       | 134                       | 438  | 233                              | 237                                 | 275                | 316                | 297             | 215                                       |
| September ..        | 291                                      | 234                       | 138                       | 435  | 231                              | 238                                 | 275                | 318                | 293             | 214                                       |
| October ..          | 288                                      | 234                       | 146                       | 438  | 236                              | 238                                 | 277                | 321                | 296             | 215                                       |
| November ..         | 290                                      | 233                       | 151                       | 436  | 242                              | 244                                 | 287                | 321                | 295             | 215                                       |
| December ..         | 294                                      | 232                       | 152                       | 433  | 243                              | 256                                 | 288                | 323                | 301             | 215                                       |
| January ..          | 291                                      | 231                       | 152                       | 430  | 248                              | 258                                 | 290                | 327                | 302             | 214                                       |
| February ..         | 302                                      | 227                       | 152                       | 416  | 251                              | 260                                 | 290                | 322                | 297             | 213                                       |
| March ..            | 306                                      | 225                       | 149                       | 378  |                                  | 261                                 | 291                | 325                | 299             | 212                                       |
| April ..            | 310                                      |                           |                           | 378  |                                  | 262                                 |                    | 322                | 297             |   |
| May ..              | 317                                      |                           |                           |  |                                  | 265                                 |                    | 321                | 294             |   |
| June ..             | 320                                      |                           |                           |  |                                  |                                     |                    |                    |                 |   |

(a) New Series (linked as at January, 1947, to former series to show movement prior to that date). (b) "Sensitive Series" prior to July, 1947. Thereafter "General Purpose Series", on base : Year ended August, 1939 = 100. (c) New Series. Base : 1949 = 100. (d) Index-numbers computed on price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using auction-room price of wool, see note (b) immediately below.

Note (b)—

## WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Legislation which became effective on 14th December, 1950, had the effect of reducing (by bounty) the price paid for raw wool for local manufacture in Australia below the open market (auction room) price. Such reductions were virtually retrospective to August, 1950, and continued until 30th June, 1951. The effective prices paid for raw wool for local manufacture (i.e., auction room price less bounty) have been used in calculating the index published on page 20 hereof. Below are shown these same indexes calculated on the auction-room prices for wool. Only the four columns shown below are affected.

| Period.      | Textiles. | Total<br>Basic Materials. | Goods Principally<br>Home Produced. | Total All Groups. |
|--------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1950-51—     |           |                           |                                     |                   |
| August ..    | 737       | 247                       | 229                                 | 232               |
| September .. | 752       | 250                       | 230                                 | 234               |
| October ..   | 753       | 257                       | 233                                 | 237               |
| November ..  | 797       | 265                       | 240                                 | 243               |
| December ..  | 805       | 270                       | 238                                 | 243               |
| January ..   | 996       | 283                       | 246                                 | 249               |
| February ..  | 1,060     | 296                       | 257                                 | 259               |
| March ..     | 1,131     | 307                       | 276                                 | 274               |
| April ..     | 927       | 299                       | 267                                 | 267               |
| May ..       | 848       | 297                       | 273                                 | 272               |
| June ..      | 688       | 290                       | 287                                 | 282               |

## RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index-numbers have been recomputed uniformly to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index-numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period.   |    |    | Retail Price Indexes : Six Capital Cities. |                                |                                     |           |                 | Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States.                       |                             |                                |
|-----------|----|----|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
|           |    |    | Food and Groceries.                        | Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses. | Food, &c., and Rent (" B " Series). | Clothing. | Mis-cellaneous. | Food, &c., Rent, Clothing and Mis-cellaneous (" C " Series). | Nominal Rates, Adult Males. | " Real " Wage, Adult Males.(a) |
| 1936-37   | .. | .. | 963  | 968                            | 965                                 | 976       | 996             | 973  | 949                         | 976                            |
| 1937-38   | .. | .. | 989  | 1,001                          | 993                                 | 1,006     | 1,003           | 998  | 1,007                       | 1,009                          |
| 1938-39   | .. | .. | 1,048                                      | 1,031                          | 1,042                               | 1,018     | 1,001           | 1,029  | 1,044                       | 1,015                          |
| 1945-46   | .. | .. | 1,187                                      | 1,054                          | 1,134                               | 1,777     | 1,212           | 1,278  | 1,343                       | 1,051                          |
| 1946-47   | .. | .. | 1,208                                      | 1,054                          | 1,147                               | 1,873     | 1,225           | 1,309  | 1,423                       | 1,087                          |
| 1947-48   | .. | .. | 1,333                                      | 1,056                          | 1,222                               | 2,013     | 1,279           | 1,393  | 1,565                       | 1,123                          |
| 1948-49   | .. | .. | 1,531                                      | 1,058                          | 1,340                               | 2,264     | 1,349           | 1,528  | 1,757                       | 1,150                          |
| 1949-50   | .. | .. | 1,664                                      | 1,063                          | 1,421                               | 2,626     | 1,443           | 1,669  | 1,913                       | 1,147                          |
| 1950-51   | .. | .. | 1,998                                      | 1,076                          | 1,626                               | 3,044     | 1,597           | 1,906  | 2,298                       | 1,206                          |
| 1951-52   | .. | .. | 2,694                                      | 1,104                          | 2,051                               | 3,623     | 1,898           | 2,337  |                             |                                |
| 1949-50—  |    |    |  |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| April     | .. | .. | 1,735                                      | } 1,065                        | 1,466                               | 2,764     | 1,473           | 1,730  | 1,976                       | 1,142                          |
| May       | .. | .. | 1,741                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| June      | .. | .. | 1,743                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| 1950-51—  |    |    |  |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| July      | .. | .. | 1,764                                      | } 1,066                        | 1,509                               | 2,831     | 1,492           | 1,773  | 2,026                       | 1,143                          |
| August    | .. | .. | 1,788                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| September | .. | .. | 1,876                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| October   | .. | .. | 1,903                                      | } 1,068                        | 1,583                               | 2,946     | 1,555           | 1,853  | 2,291                       | 1,236                          |
| November  | .. | .. | 1,931                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| December  | .. | .. | 1,963                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| January   | .. | .. | 2,009                                      | } 1,084                        | 1,659                               | 3,040     | 1,630           | 1,932  | 2,367                       | 1,225                          |
| February  | .. | .. | 2,050                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| March     | .. | .. | 2,085                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| April     | .. | .. | 2,153                                      | } 1,087                        | 1,752                               | 3,357     | 1,710           | 2,067  | 2,507                       | 1,213                          |
| May       | .. | .. | 2,186                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| June      | .. | .. | 2,269                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| 1951-52—  |    |    |  |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| July      | .. | .. | 2,372                                      | } 1,091                        | 1,897                               | 3,463     | 1,787           | 2,191  | 2,629                       | 1,200                          |
| August    | .. | .. | 2,443                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| September | .. | .. | 2,517                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| October   | .. | .. | 2,576                                      | } 1,094                        | 2,018                               | 3,582     | 1,870           | 2,303  | 2,771                       | 1,203                          |
| November  | .. | .. | 2,684                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| December  | .. | .. | 2,673                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| January   | .. | .. | 2,706                                      | } 1,105                        | 2,085                               | 3,658     | 1,905           | 2,366  | 2,878                       | 1,216                          |
| February  | .. | .. | 2,750                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| March     | .. | .. | 2,796                                      |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| April     | .. | .. | } 2,937                                    | 1,124                          | 2,204                               | 3,789     | 2,031           | 2,488  |                             |                                |
| May       | .. | .. |  |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |
| June      | .. | .. |  |                                |                                     |           |                 |  |                             |                                |

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index-number.

# RETAIL PRICES, HOURS AND WAGES.

| Particulars.                     | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Six Capitals or Six States. |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| <i>1951 : June Quarter—</i>      |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)     | 2,115            | 2,074     | 1,915       | 2,019            | 2,060              | 2,042     | 2,067                       |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) ..       | 2,549            | 2,483     | 2,466       | 2,434            | 2,548              | 2,499     | 2,507                       |
| "Real" " " (a) ..                | 1,205            | 1,197     | 1,288       | 1,206            | 1,237              | 1,224     | 1,213                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 880                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 180/-            | 177/-     | 166/-       | 171/-            | 176/-              | 173/-     | 176/-                       |
| State " " "                      | (b) 180/-        | (c)       | (d) 166/-   | (b) 171/-        | (d) 184/3          | (c)       | ..                          |
| <i>1951 : September Quarter—</i> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)     | 2,263            | 2,177     | 2,025       | 2,136            | 2,155              | 2,178     | 2,191                       |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) ..       | 2,678            | 2,606     | 2,565       | 2,559            | 2,677              | 2,623     | 2,629                       |
| "Real" " " (a) ..                | 1,183            | 1,197     | 1,267       | 1,198            | 1,242              | 1,204     | 1,200                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 193/-            | 189/-     | 175/-       | 184/-            | 188/-              | 187/-     | 189/-                       |
| State " " "                      | (b) 193/-        | (c)       | (e) 175/-   | (b) 184/-        | (f) 196/8          | (c)       | ..                          |
| <i>1951 : December Quarter—</i>  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)     | 2,368            | 2,293     | 2,181       | 2,244            | 2,243              | 2,283     | 2,303                       |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) ..       | 2,843            | 2,737     | 2,685       | 2,694            | 2,802              | 2,757     | 2,771                       |
| "Real" " " (a) ..                | 1,201            | 1,194     | 1,231       | 1,201            | 1,249              | 1,208     | 1,203                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 207/-            | 199/-     | 185/-       | 195/-            | 197/-              | 199/-     | 200/-                       |
| State " " "                      | (b) 207/-        | (c)       | (g) 185/-   | (b) 195/-        | (h) 205/8          | (c)       | ..                          |
| <i>1952 : March Quarter—</i>     |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)     | 2,444            | 2,322     | 2,262       | 2,314            | 2,346              | 2,346     | 2,366                       |
| Nominal weekly wage (a) ..       | 2,938            | 2,842     | 2,835       | 2,795            | 2,899              | 2,848     | 2,878                       |
| "Real" " " (a) ..                | 1,202            | 1,224     | 1,253       | 1,208            | 1,236              | 1,214     | 1,216                       |
| Average weekly hours (a) ..      | 890              | 889       | 890         | 890              | 879                | 890       | 889                         |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 216/-            | 209/-     | 199/-       | 205/-            | 205/-              | 208/-     | 210/-                       |
| State " " "                      | (b) 216/-        | (c)       | (i) 199/-   | (b) 205/-        | (j) 214/1          | (c)       | ..                          |
| <i>1952 : June Quarter—</i>      |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Retail Prices—"C" Series (a)     | 2,576            | 2,455     | 2,328       | 2,447            | 2,434              | 3,435     | 2,488                       |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 223/-            | 212/-     | 207/-       | 211/-            | 214/-              | 214/-     | 216/-                       |
| State " " "                      | (b) 223/-        | (c)       | (k) 207/-   | (b) 211/-        | (k) 223/10         | (c)       | ..                          |
| <i>1952 : September Quarter—</i> |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                             |
| Federal metrop. basic wage (b)   | 235/-            | 224/-     | 213/-       | 224/-            | 222/-              | 222/-     | 227/-                       |
| State " " "                      | (b) 235/-        | (c)       | (l) 213/-   | (b) 224/-        | (l) 232/3          | (c)       | ..                          |

(a) Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals (Retail Prices) or Six States (Wages and Hours) Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. Retail prices index-numbers are for the capital cities. (b) Payable as from the beginning of the first pay period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (c) None declared, but Federal rates followed to a large extent. (d) Payable as from 30th April. (e) Payable as from 30th July. (f) Payable as from 23rd July. (g) Payable as from 29th October. (h) Payable as from 22nd October. (i) Payable as from 4th February. (j) Payable as from 29th January. (k) Payable as from 28th April. (l) Payable as from 28th July.

# PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin*, Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale price quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and so provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

| Period.             | Agricultural. | Pastoral. | Farmyard and<br>Dairying. | All Farming. | Mining other<br>than Gold.<br>(a) | Gold.<br>(a) | All Groups. |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1936-37 .. ..       | 111           | 110       | 93                        | 107          | 98                                | 99           | 106         |
| 1937-38 .. ..       | 99            | 102       | 101                       | 101          | 109                               | 100          | 102         |
| 1938-39 .. ..       | 90            | 88        | 106                       | 92           | 93                                | 101          | 92          |
| 1944-45 .. ..       | 164           | 132       | 120                       | 141          | 137                               | 121          | 140         |
| 1945-46 .. ..       | 160           | 133       | 124                       | 140          | 149                               | 123          | 140         |
| 1946-47 .. ..       | 181           | 179       | 131                       | 171          | 175                               | 123          | 170         |
| 1947-48 .. ..       | 256           | 248       | 148                       | 232          | 238                               | 123          | 230         |
| 1948-49 .. ..       | 217           | 291       | 181                       | 244          | 306                               | 123          | 246         |
| 1949-50 .. ..       | 248           | 382       | 194                       | 298          | 318                               | 142          | 295         |
| 1950-51 p .. ..     | 274           | 728       | 205                       | 469          | 427                               | 178          | 457         |
| 1950-51 p—          |               |           |                           |              |                                   |              |             |
| May .. ..           | 295           | 725       | 219                       | 478          | 616                               | 178          | 473         |
| June .. ..          | 316           | 602       | 221                       | 428          | 611                               | 178          | 431         |
| 1951-52 p—          |               |           |                           |              |                                   |              |             |
| July .. ..          | 326           | 601       | 224                       | 432          | 640                               | 178          | 442         |
| August .. ..        | 329           | 517       | 224                       | 394          | 645                               | 178          | 409         |
| September .. ..     | 329           | 474       | 270                       | 383          | 661                               | 178          | 400         |
| October .. ..       | 331           | 563       | 278                       | 426          | 650                               | 178          | 438         |
| November .. ..      | 340           | 499       | 282                       | 400          | 669                               | 178          | 417         |
| December .. ..      | 338           | 491       | 280                       | 396          | 670                               | 178          | 412         |
| January .. ..       | 324           | 479       | 280                       | 386          |                                   |              |             |
| February .. ..      | 326           | 467       | 292                       | 383          |                                   |              |             |
| March .. ..         | 330           | 438       | 292                       | 370          |                                   |              |             |
| April .. ..         | 339           | 455       | 292                       | 382          |                                   |              |             |
| May .. ..           | 339           | 500       | 296                       | 403          |                                   |              |             |
| July-May, 1950-51 p | 271           | 739       | 204                       | 472          | (b)588                            | (b)178       | 460         |
| July-May, 1951-52 p | 332           | 499       | 274                       | 396          |                                   |              |             |

(a) Year ended previous December.

(b) Five months, 1951.



# SECURITY PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index-numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period.             | New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)                 |                            |                                      |   |                              |  |  | Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b) |                                    |                              |
|---------------------|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                     | 23<br>Manufacturing and<br>Distributing<br>Companies. | 10<br>Retail<br>Companies. | 8<br>Public<br>Utility<br>Companies. | 5<br>Pastoral<br>and<br>Finance<br>Companies. | 5<br>Insurance<br>Companies. | 75<br>Companies<br>(including<br>24<br>Miscellaneous). | 34<br>Active<br>shares<br>included in<br>foregoing.<br>(c) | 12<br>Industrials.               | 12<br>Financial<br>and<br>Trading. | 24<br>Total of<br>foregoing. |
| 1936-37 ..          | 989   | 1,059                      | 1,010                                | 1,106   | 1,052                        | 1,022  | 1,026  | 1,006                            | 1,000                              | 1,003                        |
| 1937-38 ..          | 1,012   | 1,008                      | 1,026                                | 1,053   | 983                          | 1,009  | 1,011  | 1,014                            | 1,011                              | 1,013                        |
| 1938-39 ..          | 999   | 933                        | 964                                  | 841   | 965                          | 969  | 963  | 980                              | 989                                | 984                          |
| 1945-46 ..          | 1,262   | 1,190                      | 1,022                                | 1,062   | 1,071                        | 1,161  | 1,199  | 1,317                            | 1,075                              | 1,206                        |
| 1946-47 ..          | 1,463   | 1,479                      | 1,104                                | 1,131   | 1,296                        | 1,325  | 1,355  | 1,472                            | 1,249                              | 1,370                        |
| 1947-48 ..          | 1,666   | 1,663                      | 1,044                                | 1,229   | 1,505                        | 1,450  | 1,450  | 1,625                            | 1,386                              | 1,515                        |
| 1948-49 ..          | 1,682   | 1,601                      | 948                                  | 1,240   | 1,635                        | 1,426  | 1,413  | 1,681                            | 1,364                              | 1,536                        |
| 1949-50 ..          | 1,763   | 1,603                      | 887                                  | 1,357   | 1,920                        | 1,491  | 1,458  | 1,746                            | 1,370                              | 1,573                        |
| 1950-51 ..          | 2,242   | 1,932                      | 928                                  | 1,926   | 2,492                        | 1,845  | 1,763  | 2,108                            | 1,623                              | 1,886                        |
| 1951-52 ..          | 2,040   | 1,658                      | 872                                  | 1,606   | 2,625                        | 1,662  | 1,537  |                                  |                                    |                              |
| 1949-50—<br>June .. | 1,916   | 1,696                      | 876                                  | 1,564   | 2,151                        | 1,621  | 1,574  | 1,892                            | 1,439                              | 1,683                        |
| 1950-51—<br>July .. | 1,872   | 1,708                      | 868                                  | 1,513   | 2,159                        | 1,597  | 1,545  | 1,887                            | 1,457                              | 1,690                        |
| August ..           | 1,929   | 1,723                      | 894                                  | 1,616   | 2,222                        | 1,640  | 1,605  | 1,909                            | 1,500                              | 1,721                        |
| September           | 2,011   | 1,758                      | 887                                  | 1,749   | 2,244                        | 1,692  | 1,642  | 1,965                            | 1,551                              | 1,775                        |
| October ..          | 2,059   | 1,801                      | 883                                  | 1,718   | 2,279                        | 1,724  | 1,669  | 1,990                            | 1,571                              | 1,798                        |
| November            | 2,247   | 1,905                      | 927                                  | 1,922   | 2,510                        | 1,849  | 1,776  | 2,059                            | 1,597                              | 1,847                        |
| December            | 2,247   | 1,899                      | 929                                  | 1,921   | 2,549                        | 1,849  | 1,769  | 2,080                            | 1,622                              | 1,870                        |
| January ..          | 2,331   | 1,995                      | 938                                  | 2,120   | 2,538                        | 1,916  | 1,847  | 2,126                            | 1,685                              | 1,923                        |
| February            | 2,333   | 2,025                      | 946                                  | 2,132   | 2,598                        | 1,929  | 1,833  | 2,209                            | 1,734                              | 1,991                        |
| March ..            | 2,363   | 2,050                      | 952                                  | 2,100   | 2,605                        | 1,935  | 1,817  | 2,247                            | 1,683                              | 1,989                        |
| April ..            | 2,443   | 2,092                      | 970                                  | 2,130   | 2,639                        | 1,967  | 1,863  | 2,231                            | 1,673                              | 1,975                        |
| May ..              | 2,532   | 2,116                      | 1,000                                | 2,117   | 2,738                        | 2,020  | 1,907  | 2,279                            | 1,698                              | 2,012                        |
| June ..             | 2,543   | 2,116                      | 944                                  | 2,075   | 2,824                        | 2,025  | 1,889  | 2,320                            | 1,709                              | 2,040                        |
| 1951-52—<br>July .. | 2,510   | 2,093                      | 940                                  | 1,979   | 2,891                        | 2,005  | 1,859  | 2,300                            | 1,696                              | 2,023                        |
| August ..           | 2,398   | 2,011                      | 906                                  | 1,936   | 2,941                        | 1,933  | 1,777  | 2,255                            | 1,646                              | 1,975                        |
| September           | 2,281   | 1,908                      | 869                                  | 1,794   | 2,907                        | 1,842  | 1,686  | 2,165                            | 1,614                              | 1,912                        |
| October ..          | 2,218   | 1,818                      | 886                                  | 1,830   | 2,874                        | 1,801  | 1,674  | 1,988                            | 1,523                              | 1,775                        |
| November            | 2,133   | 1,701                      | 880                                  | 1,717   | 2,815                        | 1,730  | 1,599  | 1,988                            | 1,477                              | 1,754                        |
| December            | 2,045   | 1,616                      | 866                                  | 1,599   | 2,774                        | 1,664  | 1,538  | 1,906                            | 1,427                              | 1,686                        |
| January ..          | 2,012   | 1,605                      | 865                                  | 1,563   | 2,732                        | 1,638  | 1,516  | 1,849                            | 1,381                              | 1,634                        |
| February            | 1,896   | 1,505                      | 857                                  | 1,469   | 2,619                        | 1,557  | 1,430  | 1,669                            | 1,303                              | 1,502                        |
| March ..            | 1,834   | 1,469                      | 843                                  | 1,412   | 2,371                        | 1,502  | 1,388  | 1,622                            | 1,244                              | 1,448                        |
| April ..            | 1,697   | 1,403                      | 840                                  | 1,331   | 2,230                        | 1,423  | 1,312  | 1,479                            | 1,212                              | 1,356                        |
| May ..              | 1,743   | 1,398                      | 847                                  | 1,338   | 2,178                        | 1,436  | 1,341  |                                  |                                    |                              |
| June ..             | 1,719   | 1,368                      | 871                                  | 1,300   | 2,165                        | 1,418  | 1,327  |                                  |                                    |                              |

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales. They represent unweighted averages of the mean monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made where capital is written off or bonus shares issued. Recomputed from original base, par values. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index-numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index-numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

# SUMMARY OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

| Period.         | Primary<br>Production<br>Prices<br>(All Groups). | Export<br>Prices<br>(including<br>Gold). | Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and<br>Foodstuffs ) |   |                | Retail<br>Prices<br>(Six Capital<br>Cities) :<br>" C " Series<br>Index.<br>(b) | Security<br>Prices :<br>New South<br>Wales<br>(Ordinary<br>Shares—75<br>Companies). |
|-----------------|--|--|--|---|----------------|--|---|
|                 |  |  | Goods<br>Principally<br>Imported.<br>(a)             | Goods<br>Principally<br>Home Pro-<br>duced. | All<br>Groups. |  |   |
| 1936-37 .. ..   | 1,064  | 1,144                                    | 991  | 980   | 984            | 973  | 1,022   |
| 1937-38 .. ..   | 1,015  | 1,022                                    | 1,018  | 1,000                                       | 1,005          | 998  | 1,009   |
| 1938-39 .. ..   | 922  | 834                                      | 991  | 1,020                                       | 1,011          | 1,029  | 969   |
| 1945-46 .. ..   | 1,404  | 1,459                                    | 1,782  | 1,257                                       | 1,412          | 1,278  | 1,161   |
| 1946-47 .. ..   | 1,697  | 2,027                                    | 1,768  | 1,288                                       | 1,429          | 1,309  | 1,325   |
| 1947-48 .. ..   | 2,298  | 2,834                                    | 1,924  | 1,448                                       | 1,588          | 1,393  | 1,450   |
| 1948-49 .. ..   | 2,461  | 3,324                                    | 2,008  | 1,727                                       | 1,809          | 1,528  | 1,426   |
| 1949-50 .. ..   | 2,955  | 3,830                                    | 2,231  | 1,982                                       | 2,054          | 1,669  | 1,491   |
| 1950-51 .. ..   | (c)4,575   | 6,544                                    | 2,555  | 2,423                                       | 2,461          | 1,906  | 1,845   |
| 1951-52 .. ..   |  | 4,710                                    | 2,877  | 3,039                                       | 2,990          | 2,337  | 1,662   |
| 1949-50—        |  |  |  |   |                |  |   |
| April .. ..     | ..   | 4,289                                    | 2,364  | 2,164                                       | 2,222          | } 1,730 {  | 1,616   |
| May .. ..       | ..   | 4,572                                    | 2,354  | 2,149                                       | 2,208          |  | 1,620   |
| June .. ..      | ..   | 4,500                                    | 2,377  | 2,169                                       | 2,229          |  | 1,621   |
| 1950-51—        | (c)  |  |  |   |                |  |   |
| July .. ..      | 3,424  | 4,510                                    | 2,359  | 2,178                                       | 2,231          | } 1,773 {  | 1,597   |
| August .. ..    | 4,120  | 5,787                                    | 2,403  | (d)2,218                                    | (d)2,273       |  | 1,640   |
| September .. .. | 4,182  | 5,993                                    | 2,422  | (d)2,223                                    | (d)2,282       |  | 1,692   |
| October .. ..   | 4,185  | 6,018                                    | 2,468  | (d)2,255                                    | (d)2,317       | } 1,853 {  | 1,724   |
| November .. ..  | 4,411  | 6,395                                    | 2,503  | (d)2,322                                    | (d)2,374       |  | 1,849   |
| December .. ..  | 4,387  | 6,430                                    | 2,547  | (d)2,302                                    | (d)2,374       |  | 1,849   |
| January .. ..   | 5,071  | 7,715                                    | 2,558  | (d)2,377                                    | (d)2,430       | } 1,932 {  | 1,916   |
| February .. ..  | 5,345  | 8,114                                    | 2,640  | (d)2,488                                    | (d)2,532       |  | 1,929   |
| March .. ..     | 5,778  | 8,604                                    | 2,688  | (d)2,677                                    | (d)2,680       |  | 1,935   |
| April .. ..     | 4,957  | 7,076                                    | 2,675  | (d)2,585                                    | (d)2,611       | } 2,067 {  | 1,967   |
| May .. ..       | 4,731  | 6,534                                    | 2,683  | (d)2,656                                    | (d)2,663       |  | 2,020   |
| June .. ..      | 4,307  | 5,349                                    | 2,715  | (d)2,794                                    | (d)2,770       |  | 2,025   |
| 1951-52—        | (c)  |  |  |   |                |  |   |
| July .. ..      | 4,425  | 5,441                                    | 2,712  | 2,886                                       | 2,834          | } 2,191 {  | 2,005   |
| August .. ..    | 4,093  | 4,684                                    | 2,745  | 3,038                                       | 2,950          |  | 1,933   |
| September .. .. | 4,004  | 4,445                                    | 2,758  | 2,971                                       | 2,906          |  | 1,842   |
| October .. ..   | 4,377  | 5,294                                    | 2,823  | 2,908                                       | 2,882          | } 2,303 {  | 1,801   |
| November .. ..  | 4,165  | 4,891                                    | 2,891  | 2,902                                       | 2,899          |  | 1,730   |
| December .. ..  | 4,124  | 4,815                                    | 2,859  | 2,975                                       | 2,941          |  | 1,664   |
| January .. ..   |  | 4,740                                    | 2,859  | 2,929                                       | 2,908          | } 2,366 {  | 1,638   |
| February .. ..  |  | 4,532                                    | 2,948  | 3,058                                       | 3,024          |  | 1,557   |
| March .. ..     |  | 4,243                                    | 2,949  | 3,116                                       | 3,065          |  | 1,502   |
| April .. ..     |  | 4,298                                    | 2,962  | 3,165                                       | 3,105          | } 2,488 {  | 1,423   |
| May .. ..       |  | 4,542                                    | 3,008  | 3,327                                       | 3,168          |  | 1,436   |
| June .. ..      |  | 4,598                                    | 3,007  | 3,281                                       | 3,199          |  | 1,418   |

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally. (b) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (c) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown. See note at head of page 24. (d) Index-numbers computed on price of raw wool for local manufacture. For computation using the auction room price of wool, see note (b) at foot of page 21.

# BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by Local Government Authorities. Excludes Government Buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 29.)

| Period.           | New Dwellings. |        | Other New Buildings. |        | Total New Buildings. |        | Alterations and Additions. | Total. |
|-------------------|----------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|
|                   | Number.        | Value. | Number.              | Value. | Number.              | Value. | Value.                     | Value. |
|                   |                | £'000. |                      | £'000. |                      | £'000. | £'000.                     | £'000. |
| Monthly Averages. |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| 1936-37 (a) ..    | 1,122          | 1,104  | 154                  | 474    | 1,276                | 1,578  | 408                        | 1,986  |
| 1937-38 (a) ..    | 1,394          | 1,413  | 147                  | 472    | 1,541                | 1,885  | 422                        | 2,307  |
| 1938-39 (a) ..    | 1,463          | 1,509  | 137                  | 424    | 1,600                | 1,933  | 420                        | 2,353  |
| 1944-45 (a) ..    | 285            | 213    | 48                   | 80     | 333                  | 293    | 227                        | 520    |
| 1945-46 (a) ..    | 1,531          | 1,635  | 107                  | 156    | 1,638                | 1,791  | 399                        | 2,190  |
| 1946-47 ..        | 2,209          | 2,976  | 156                  | 512    | 2,365                | 3,488  | 596                        | 4,084  |
| 1947-48 ..        | 2,381          | 3,649  | 124                  | 453    | 2,505                | 4,102  | 585                        | 4,687  |
| 1948-49 ..        | 2,621          | 4,457  | 110                  | 440    | 2,731                | 4,897  | 680                        | 5,577  |
| 1949-50 ..        | 3,045          | 5,770  | 113                  | 460    | 3,158                | 6,230  | 899                        | 7,129  |
| 1950-51 ..        | 3,558          | 7,857  | 151                  | 1,062  | 3,709                | 8,919  | 1,507                      | 10,426 |
| Monthly Totals.   |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| 1949-50—          |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| May ..            | 3,935          | 7,808  | 178                  | 780    | 4,113                | 8,588  | 1,455                      | 10,043 |
| June ..           | 3,635          | 7,266  | 132                  | 571    | 3,767                | 7,837  | 1,361                      | 9,198  |
| 1950-51—          |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| July ..           | 3,603          | 7,388  | 154                  | 565    | 3,757                | 7,953  | 1,164                      | 9,117  |
| August ..         | 4,067          | 8,108  | 157                  | 643    | 4,224                | 8,751  | 1,275                      | 10,026 |
| September ..      | 3,575          | 7,145  | 151                  | 1,002  | 3,726                | 8,147  | 1,455                      | 9,602  |
| October ..        | 3,579          | 7,529  | 159                  | 875    | 3,738                | 8,404  | 1,396                      | 9,800  |
| November ..       | 3,617          | 7,792  | 171                  | 1,510  | 3,788                | 9,302  | 1,481                      | 10,783 |
| December ..       | 2,551          | 5,386  | 105                  | 1,161  | 2,656                | 6,547  | 822                        | 7,369  |
| January ..        | 3,293          | 7,223  | 150                  | 1,129  | 3,443                | 8,352  | 1,247                      | 9,599  |
| February ..       | 3,486          | 8,023  | 128                  | 632    | 3,614                | 8,655  | 1,440                      | 10,095 |
| March ..          | 3,337          | 8,156  | 153                  | 758    | 3,490                | 8,914  | 1,953                      | 10,867 |
| April ..          | 3,952          | 9,163  | 186                  | 2,126  | 4,138                | 11,289 | 1,790                      | 13,079 |
| May ..            | 3,836          | 9,167  | 155                  | 1,642  | 3,991                | 10,809 | 2,133                      | 12,942 |
| June ..           | 3,801          | 9,198  | 140                  | 707    | 3,941                | 9,905  | 1,928                      | 11,833 |
| 1951-52—          |                |        |                      |        |                      |        |                            |        |
| July ..           | 3,676          | 8,711  | 193                  | 1,269  | 3,869                | 9,980  | 1,812                      | 11,792 |
| August ..         | 3,780          | 9,545  | 185                  | 1,076  | 3,965                | 10,621 | 2,285                      | 12,906 |
| September ..      | 2,955          | 6,946  | 200                  | 1,818  | 3,155                | 8,764  | 1,423                      | 10,187 |
| October ..        | 3,199          | 8,295  | 157                  | 981    | 3,356                | 9,276  | 1,908                      | 11,184 |
| November ..       | 2,748          | 6,686  | 162                  | 1,008  | 2,910                | 7,694  | 1,690                      | 9,384  |
| December ..       | 1,752          | 4,280  | 105                  | 1,823  | 1,857                | 6,103  | 1,685                      | 7,788  |
| January ..        | 2,148          | 5,266  | 123                  | 1,090  | 2,271                | 6,356  | 1,256                      | 7,612  |
| February ..       | 2,369          | 5,655  | 170                  | 1,260  | 2,539                | 6,915  | 1,372                      | 8,287  |
| March ..          | 2,302          | 5,586  | 146                  | 926    | 2,448                | 6,512  | 1,736                      | 8,248  |
| April ..          | 2,191          | 5,733  | 163                  | 946    | 2,354                | 6,679  | 1,914                      | 8,593  |
| May ..            | 2,326          | 5,729  | 182                  | 1,513  | 2,508                | 7,242  | 2,064                      | 9,306  |

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.

NOTE.—The National Security (Building Control) Regulations, which operated from 5th December, 1940, placed the granting of building permits for new buildings or alterations costing more than £5,000 under the control of the Commonwealth Treasurer. Various amending regulations made the control more stringent. On 19th June, 1942, the control passed to the Department for War Organization of Industry, after which date only alterations costing less than £25 could be made without consent. From 31st August, 1945, when control passed to the Department of Works and Housing, consent was not necessary for the erection of a dwelling house costing less than £1,200 or for repairs and alterations to a residential building costing less than £150 in any financial year. As from 1st November, 1945, the Commonwealth Government relinquished control over building permits and delegated its powers under National Security Regulations to the States until State legislation had been introduced. This action has been taken in all States except Tasmania, which discontinued control over building permits from 31st December, 1946. The "value of permits" shown above relates to the value of building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under the Regulations. The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for Government Buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

| Period.           | Australia.(a)            |                                 |                       | New South Wales.         |                     |                                   | Victoria.                |                        |                                  |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                   | Government.              | Private.                        |                       | Government. (b)          | Private.            |                                   | Government.              | Private.               |                                  |
|                   | Common-wealth and State. | Six Capital Cities and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. | Common-wealth and State. | Sydney and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note A. | Common-wealth and State. | Melbourne and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas See note B. |
| Monthly Averages. |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                  |
| 1936-37 .. ..     | n.a.                     | (c)1,986                        | (d)627                | n.a.                     | 848                 | 416                               | n.a.                     | 667                    | 62                               |
| 1937-38 .. ..     | n.a.                     | (c)2,307                        | (d)764                | n.a.                     | 1,093               | 506                               | n.a.                     | 669                    | 78                               |
| 1938-39 .. ..     | 408                      | (c)2,353                        | (d)755                | 187                      | 1,111               | 495                               | 107                      | 702                    | 63                               |
| 1944-45 .. ..     | 1,024                    | (c) 520                         | 207                   | 426                      | 183                 | 122                               | 291                      | 132                    | 10                               |
| 1945-46 .. ..     | 1,057                    | (c)2,190                        | 1,147                 | 540                      | 943                 | 808                               | 381                      | 592                    | 61                               |
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 1,248                    | 4,084                           | (e)1,991              | 633                      | 1,768               | 1,301                             | 371                      | 1,195                  | 91                               |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 2,003                    | 4,687                           | (f)3,151              | 1,044                    | 1,705               | (g)1,985                          | 545                      | 1,650                  | 126                              |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 1,986                    | 5,577                           | 3,832                 | 904                      | 2,089               | 2,432                             | 675                      | 1,804                  | 211                              |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 2,743                    | 7,129                           | 4,863                 | 985                      | 2,625               | 3,101                             | 1,067                    | 2,218                  | 217                              |
| 1950-51 .. ..     | 4,499                    | 10,426                          | 6,807                 | 2,004                    | 3,610               | 4,519                             | 1,498                    | 3,187                  | 270                              |
| 1949-50—          |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                  |
| March Qtr. ..     | 2,504                    | 7,529                           | 5,182                 | 798                      | 2,726               | 3,254                             | 1,057                    | 2,369                  | 214                              |
| June .. ..        | 3,128                    | 8,652                           | 5,500                 | 1,310                    | 3,165               | 3,491                             | 1,169                    | 2,583                  | 256                              |
| 1950-51—          |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                  |
| September .. ..   | 3,960                    | 9,582                           | 6,297                 | 2,020                    | 3,183               | 4,082                             | 1,133                    | 2,948                  | 308                              |
| December .. ..    | 4,544                    | 9,317                           | 6,150                 | 2,078                    | 3,331               | 4,141                             | 1,558                    | 2,958                  | 219                              |
| March .. ..       | 4,535                    | 10,187                          | 6,865                 | 2,071                    | 3,732               | 4,718                             | 1,503                    | 2,986                  | 225                              |
| June .. ..        | 4,958                    | 12,618                          | 7,915                 | 1,850                    | 4,194               | 5,133                             | 1,797                    | 3,855                  | 329                              |
| 1951-52—          |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                  |
| September .. ..   | 4,406                    | 11,628                          | 7,711                 | 2,397                    | 3,456               | 4,907                             | 926                      | 3,571                  | 373                              |
| December .. ..    | 3,362                    | 9,452                           | 6,124                 | 1,357                    | 2,820               | 3,612                             | 946                      | 2,856                  | 207                              |
| March .. ..       |                          | 8,049                           | 5,153                 | 1,193                    | 2,120               | 2,859                             |                          | 2,380                  | 264                              |
| Monthly Totals.   |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                  |
| 1951-52—          |                          |                                 |                       |                          |                     |                                   |                          |                        |                                  |
| March .. ..       | n.a.                     | 8,248                           | n.a.                  | n.a.                     | 2,315               | 3,606                             | n.a.                     | 2,292                  | n.a.                             |
| April .. ..       | n.a.                     | 8,593                           | n.a.                  | n.a.                     | 2,392               | 3,744                             | n.a.                     | 2,717                  | n.a.                             |
| May .. ..         | n.a.                     | 9,306                           | n.a.                  | n.a.                     | 2,673               | 3,540                             | n.a.                     | 2,673                  | n.a.                             |

(a) See note (a) on page 29. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart.  
(d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) See E and F, page 29. (f) See A, below and C, page 29. (g) Includes all areas outside Sydney and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See A below.

## NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.  
B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Mildura and Warrnambool, the Towns of Horsham, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sale, and Borough of Shepparton.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

# BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for Private Buildings relate only to Permits issued by Local Government Authorities.)

(£'000.)

| Period.           | Queensland.              |                       |                                   | South Australia.         |                       |                                   | Western Australia.       |                    |                                   | Tasmania.                |                     |                                   |
|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                   | Government.              |                       | Private.(a)                       | Government.(b)           |                       | Private.(a)                       | Government.              |                    | Private.(a)                       | Government.              |                     | Private.(a)                       |
|                   | Common-wealth and State. | Brisbane and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note C. | Common-wealth and State. | Adelaide and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note D. | Common-wealth and State. | Perth and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note E. | Common-wealth and State. | Hobart and Suburbs. | Other recorded areas. See note F. |
| Monthly Averages. |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                    |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |
| 1936-37 ..        | n.a.                     | 153                   | 98                                | n.a.                     | 118                   | 32                                | n.a.                     | 168                | n.a.                              | n.a.                     | 32                  | 19                                |
| 1937-38 ..        | n.a.                     | 167                   | 114                               | n.a.                     | 173                   | 48                                | n.a.                     | 174                | n.a.                              | n.a.                     | 31                  | 18                                |
| 1938-39 ..        | 34                       | 171                   | 118                               | 22                       | 192                   | 63                                | 38                       | 145                | n.a.                              | 20                       | 32                  | 16                                |
| 1944-45 ..        | 203                      | 62                    | 35                                | 34                       | 80                    | 26                                | 52                       | 50                 | 7                                 | 18                       | 13                  | 7                                 |
| 1945-46 ..        | 34                       | 241                   | 193                               | 46                       | 260                   | 51                                | 39                       | 129                | 18                                | 17                       | 25                  | 16                                |
| 1946-47 ..        | 78                       | 455                   | 290                               | 57                       | 379                   | 105                               | 77                       | 187                | (c)60                             | 32                       | (d) 100             | (e)144                            |
| 1947-48 ..        | 141                      | 557                   | (f)692                            | 128                      | 418                   | 91                                | 113                      | 238                | 60                                | 32                       | 119                 | 197                               |
| 1948-49 ..        | 116                      | 610                   | 721                               | 99                       | 564                   | 132                               | 145                      | 338                | 70                                | 47                       | 172                 | 266                               |
| 1949-50 ..        | 198                      | 827                   | 868                               | 209                      | 727                   | 188                               | 197                      | 499                | 111                               | 87                       | 233                 | 378                               |
| 1950-51 ..        | 391                      | 1,106                 | 1,061                             | 201                      | 1,174                 | 215                               | 292                      | 1,027              | 274                               | 113                      | 322                 | 468                               |
| 1949-50—          |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                    |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |
| March Qtr.        | 112                      | 778                   | 851                               | 153                      | 864                   | 192                               | 206                      | 557                | 120                               | 178                      | 235                 | 551                               |
| June ..           | 245                      | 964                   | 965                               | 207                      | 936                   | 265                               | 161                      | 723                | 154                               | 36                       | 281                 | 369                               |
| 1950-51—          |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                    |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |
| September ..      | 166                      | 1,008                 | 998                               | 323                      | 1,171                 | 200                               | 239                      | 922                | 239                               | 79                       | 350                 | 470                               |
| December ..       | 372                      | 983                   | 955                               | 100                      | 914                   | 185                               | 267                      | 830                | 221                               | 169                      | 301                 | 429                               |
| March ..          | 382                      | 1,294                 | 1,094                             | 172                      | 1,008                 | 185                               | 323                      | 931                | 261                               | 84                       | 236                 | 382                               |
| June ..           | 644                      | 1,140                 | 1,196                             | 208                      | 1,604                 | 289                               | 337                      | 1,426              | 376                               | 122                      | 399                 | 592                               |
| 1951-52—          |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                    |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |
| September ..      | 181                      | 1,700                 | 1,219                             | 445                      | 1,096                 | 227                               | 348                      | 1,479              | 406                               | 109                      | 326                 | 579                               |
| December ..       | 329                      | 1,319                 | 1,109                             | 234                      | 1,093                 | 291                               | 451                      | 1,088              | 336                               | 45                       | 276                 | 569                               |
| March ..          | 133                      | 1,092                 | 1,093                             | 296                      | 1,313                 | 239                               | 321                      | 904                | 299                               | 163                      | 240                 | 399                               |
| Monthly Totals.   |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                    |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |
| 1951-52—          |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                       |                                   |                          |                    |                                   |                          |                     |                                   |
| March ..          | n.a.                     | 1,297                 | 1,169                             | n.a.                     | 1,130                 | n.a.                              | n.a.                     | 1,016              | 388                               | n.a.                     | 198                 | 468                               |
| April ..          | n.a.                     | 791                   | 1,005                             | n.a.                     | 1,538                 | n.a.                              | n.a.                     | 964                | 343                               | n.a.                     | 191                 | 459                               |
| May ..            | n.a.                     | 1,130                 | 1,093                             | n.a.                     | 1,515                 | n.a.                              | n.a.                     | 1,077              | 339                               | n.a.                     | 238                 | 433                               |

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.  
 (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 86 country local authorities from September quarter, 1946. See E below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes Hobart and suburbs. (e) Includes all areas outside Hobart and suburbs from September quarter, 1946. See F below. (f) Includes all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs from September quarter, 1947. See C below.

## NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947 thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes Local Government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 15 country local authorities, representing approximately 30 per cent. of provincial population to June quarter, 1946. Thereafter includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

NOTE.—The values shown exclude, in general, air raid shelters and alterations for protection against air raids.

# VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

| Period.             | Commenced. |        |        | Completed. |        |        | Under Construction at end of period. |         |          |
|---------------------|------------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|
|                     | Houses.    | Other. | Total. | Houses.    | Other. | Total. | Houses.                              | Other.  | Total.   |
| Quarterly Averages. |            |        |        |            |        |        |                                      |         |          |
| 1945-46 .. ..       | n.a.       | n.a.   | n.a.   | 3,615      | 1,758  | 5,373  | 23,580                               | 9,806   | 33,386   |
| 1946-47 .. ..       | 13,740     | 4,148  | 17,888 | 8,924      | 1,578  | 10,502 | 44,745                               | 21,255  | 66,000   |
| 1947-48 .. ..       | 17,638     | 5,138  | 22,776 | 13,307     | 2,389  | 15,696 | 65,459                               | 33,588  | 99,047   |
| 1948-49 .. ..       | 21,875     | 6,922  | 28,797 | 18,331     | 3,932  | 22,263 | 84,172                               | 49,065  | 133,237  |
| 1949-50 .. ..       | 28,086     | 7,982  | 36,068 | 22,443     | 5,251  | 27,694 | 115,347                              | 60,992  | 176,339  |
| 1950-51 .. ..       | 40,118     | 14,587 | 54,705 | 31,157     | 6,227  | 37,384 | 160,925                              | 91,446  | 252,371  |
| Quarterly Totals.   |            |        |        |            |        |        |                                      |         |          |
| 1949-50—March Qtr.  | 29,350     | 9,958  | 39,308 | 19,704     | 5,599  | 25,303 | 105,423                              | 57,894  | 163,317  |
| June ..             | 31,832     | 8,093  | 39,925 | 24,778     | 6,272  | 31,050 | 115,347                              | 60,992  | 176,339  |
| 1950-51—Sept. ..    | 36,857     | 11,614 | 48,471 | 27,986     | 6,000  | 33,986 | 127,267                              | 67,976  | 195,243  |
| Dec. ..             | 38,662     | 13,731 | 52,393 | 33,291     | 6,038  | 39,329 | 135,266                              | 77,204  | 212,470  |
| March ..            | 38,905     | 14,273 | 53,178 | 28,851     | 5,322  | 34,173 | 151,685                              | 83,406  | 235,091  |
| June .. p           | 46,048     | 18,728 | 64,776 | 34,500     | 7,549  | 42,049 | 160,925                              | 91,446  | 252,371  |
| 1951-52—Sept. .. p  | 48,550     | 16,245 | 64,795 | 38,009     | 9,217  | 47,226 | 177,971                              | 104,637 | 282,608  |
| Dec. .. p           | 46,306     | 15,473 | 61,779 | 44,976     | 9,516  | 54,492 | r183,623                             | 113,129 | r296,752 |
| March .. p          | 42,707     | 15,122 | 57,829 | 41,292     | 10,728 | 52,020 | 190,656                              | 118,447 | 309,103  |

# VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

| Period.             | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total.  |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Quarterly Averages. |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1945-46 .. ..       | 2,326            | 1,368     | 830         | 420              | 244                | 157       | 28                            | 5,373   |
| 1946-47 .. ..       | 4,274            | 2,767     | 1,814       | 686              | 529                | 354       | 78                            | 10,502  |
| 1947-48 .. ..       | 6,076            | 4,473     | 2,598       | 1,020            | 832                | 570       | 127                           | 15,696  |
| 1948-49 .. ..       | 8,434            | 6,839     | 3,050       | 1,621            | 1,177              | 953       | 189                           | 22,263  |
| 1949-50 .. ..       | 10,230           | 8,668     | 3,488       | 2,268            | 1,338              | 1,336     | 366                           | 27,694  |
| 1950-51 .. ..       | p12,367          | 12,949    | 4,322       | 3,010            | 2,237              | 2,101     | 398                           | p37,384 |
| Quarterly Totals.   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1949-50—March Qtr.  | 9,467            | 7,761     | 3,409       | 2,061            | 1,125              | 1,311     | 169                           | 25,303  |
| June ..             | 10,620           | 9,876     | 3,912       | 2,796            | 1,507              | 1,556     | 783                           | 31,050  |
| 1950-51—Sept. ..    | 11,168           | 11,412    | 4,056       | 2,896            | 1,891              | 2,178     | 385                           | 33,986  |
| Dec. ..             | 13,157           | 13,680    | 4,510       | 3,172            | 2,483              | 1,820     | 507                           | 39,329  |
| March ..            | 11,372           | 11,804    | 4,201       | 2,434            | 2,053              | 2,071     | 238                           | 34,173  |
| June ..             | p13,769          | 14,904    | 4,519       | 3,540            | 2,521              | 2,334     | 462                           | p42,049 |
| 1951-52—Sept. ..    | p14,850          | 16,408    | 5,618       | 4,044            | 2,940              | 2,780     | 586                           | p47,226 |
| Dec. ..             | p18,125          | 17,885    | 6,200       | 4,693            | 3,735              | r3,338    | 516                           | p54,492 |
| March ..            | p20,343          | 14,801    | 6,485       | 4,197            | 3,466              | 1,961     | 767                           | p52,020 |



# NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

| Period.                              |       | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total.  |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---------|
| COMMENCED.                           |       |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| Quarterly Averages.                  |       |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1946-47                              | .. .. | 4,430            | 3,245     | 2,231       | 817              | 601                | 411       | 81                            | 11,816  |
| 1947-48                              | .. .. | 4,952            | 3,720     | 2,382       | 895              | 768                | 516       | 98                            | 13,331  |
| 1948-49                              | .. .. | 5,323            | 3,872     | 2,340       | 1,140            | 961                | 712       | 134                           | 14,482  |
| 1949-50                              | .. .. | 5,514            | 5,259     | 2,502       | 1,527            | 1,258              | 916       | 97                            | 17,073  |
| 1950-51                              | .. .. | p6,292           | 6,551     | 2,675       | 1,991            | 1,742              | 1,030     | 219                           | p20,500 |
| Quarterly Totals.                    |       |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1949-50—Mar.                         | Qtr.  | 5,933            | 5,339     | 2,367       | 1,578            | 1,240              | 854       | 94                            | 17,405  |
|                                      | June  | 5,049            | 6,027     | 2,688       | 1,965            | 1,505              | 1,033     | 101                           | 18,368  |
| 1950-51—Sept.                        | ..    | 6,136            | 6,731     | 2,746       | 2,194            | 1,616              | 968       | 122                           | 20,513  |
|                                      | Dec.  | 6,058            | 6,936     | 2,408       | 1,948            | 1,597              | 1,037     | 163                           | 20,147  |
|                                      | Mar.  | 6,166            | 5,821     | 2,577       | 1,741            | 1,969              | 1,031     | 228                           | 19,533  |
|                                      | June  | p6,802           | 6,717     | 2,967       | 2,083            | 1,788              | 1,086     | 364                           | p21,807 |
| 1951-52—Sept.                        | ..    | p6,367           | 6,848     | 3,423       | 2,096            | 2,138              | 1,098     | 81                            | p22,051 |
|                                      | Dec.  | p6,323           | 6,246     | 2,981       | 1,998            | 2,039              | 1,016     | 64                            | p20,667 |
|                                      | Mar.  | p5,892           | 5,066     | 2,919       | 2,205            | 1,828              | 787       | 93                            | p18,790 |
| COMPLETED.                           |       |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| Quarterly Averages.                  |       |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1945-46                              | .. .. | 1,398            | 917       | 846         | 333              | 215                | 120       | 15                            | 3,844   |
| 1946-47                              | .. .. | 3,047            | 1,858     | 1,937       | 557              | 448                | 268       | 37                            | 8,152   |
| 1947-48                              | .. .. | 3,715            | 2,962     | 2,300       | 752              | 693                | 386       | 68                            | 10,876  |
| 1948-49                              | .. .. | 4,466            | 3,570     | 2,338       | 997              | 811                | 572       | 81                            | 12,835  |
| 1949-50                              | .. .. | 4,692            | 3,900     | 2,362       | 1,226            | 877                | 713       | 101                           | 13,871  |
| 1950-51                              | .. .. | p4,943           | 5,256     | 2,569       | 1,680            | 1,290              | 979       | 144                           | p16,861 |
| Quarterly Totals.                    |       |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1949-50—Mar.                         | Qtr.  | 4,123            | 3,153     | 2,222       | 1,097            | 727                | 772       | 75                            | 12,169  |
|                                      | June  | 4,733            | 4,253     | 2,531       | 1,410            | 1,006              | 805       | 135                           | 14,873  |
| 1950-51—Sept.                        | ..    | 4,775            | 4,930     | 2,525       | 1,624            | 1,149              | 1,038     | 176                           | 16,217  |
|                                      | Dec.  | 5,688            | 5,763     | 2,744       | 1,897            | 1,481              | 870       | 181                           | 18,624  |
|                                      | Mar.  | 4,417            | 4,654     | 2,449       | 1,389            | 1,174              | 966       | 74                            | 15,123  |
|                                      | June  | p4,891           | 5,678     | 2,557       | 1,815            | 1,356              | 1,040     | 143                           | p17,480 |
| 1951-52—Sept.                        | ..    | p5,030           | 6,081     | 2,878       | 1,768            | 1,380              | 1,071     | 135                           | p18,343 |
|                                      | Dec.  | p6,041           | 6,327     | 3,008       | 1,964            | 1,821              | 1,336     | 154                           | p20,651 |
|                                      | Mar.  | p6,080           | 5,126     | 3,049       | 1,754            | 1,477              | 705       | 121                           | p18,312 |
| UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD. |       |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |         |
| 1945-46                              | .. .. | 9,200            | 6,135     | 2,441       | 1,559            | 865                | 1,013     | 188                           | 21,401  |
| 1946-47                              | .. .. | 14,737           | 11,680    | 3,627       | 2,654            | 1,521              | 1,557     | 368                           | 36,144  |
| 1947-48                              | .. .. | 19,686           | 14,712    | 3,951       | 3,203            | 1,841              | 2,065     | 491                           | 45,949  |
| 1948-49                              | .. .. | 23,113           | 15,921    | 3,958       | 3,940            | 2,439              | 2,575     | 696                           | 52,642  |
| 1949-50                              | .. .. | 26,402           | 21,353    | 4,520       | 5,241            | 3,957              | 3,357     | 678                           | 65,508  |
| 1950-51                              | .. .. | p31,793          | 26,533    | 4,943       | 6,529            | 5,764              | 3,558     | 981                           | p80,101 |
| 1949-50—Mar.                         | Qtr.  | 26,086           | 19,579    | 4,363       | 4,653            | 3,458              | 3,148     | 712                           | 61,999  |
|                                      | June  | 26,402           | 21,353    | 4,520       | 5,241            | 3,957              | 3,357     | 678                           | 65,508  |
| 1950-51—Sept.                        | ..    | 27,763           | 23,154    | 4,741       | 5,809            | 4,421              | 3,280     | 624                           | 69,792  |
|                                      | Dec.  | 28,133           | 24,327    | 4,405       | 5,892            | 4,537              | 3,447     | 606                           | 71,347  |
|                                      | Mar.  | 29,882           | 25,494    | 4,533       | 6,259            | 5,332              | 3,512     | 760                           | 75,772  |
|                                      | June  | p31,793          | 26,533    | 4,943       | 6,529            | 5,764              | 3,558     | 981                           | p80,101 |
| 51-52—Sept.                          | ..    | p33,130          | 27,300    | 5,488       | 6,875            | 6,522              | 3,584     | 927                           | p83,826 |
|                                      | Dec.  | p33,412          | 27,219    | 5,461       | 6,938            | 6,740              | 3,264     | 836                           | p83,870 |
| 19                                   | Mar.  | p33,224          | 27,159    | 5,331       | 7,411            | 7,091              | 3,346     | 808                           | p84,370 |

# PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

| Period.           | Black Coal.   |            |            | Brown Coal. | Gold, (Mine Production). (a) | Heat, Light and Power. |                              | Metals.    |                  |                |                                     |                      |
|-------------------|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
|                   | Under-ground. | Open Cut.  | Total.     |             |                              | Gas made in Gas-works. | Total Electricity Generated. | Pig-iron.  | Ingot Steel. (b) | Zinc, Refined. | Lead, Refined and Lead Bullion. (c) | Copper, Refined. (c) |
|                   | '000 Tons.    | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons.  | '000 fine oz.                | Million cubic feet.    | Million kwh.                 | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons.       | Tons.          | Tons.                               | Tons.                |
| Monthly Averages. |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |                  |                |                                     |                      |
| 1936-37 ..        | n.a.          | n.a.       | 977        | 258         | 108.2                        | 1,679                  | 331                          | 76.1       | 89.4             | 5,840          | 17,562                              | 1,280                |
| 1937-38 ..        | n.a.          | n.a.       | 990        | 300         | 123.3                        | 1,746                  | 363                          | 77.5       | 96.5             | 5,810          | 18,797                              | 1,437                |
| 1938-39 ..        | n.a.          | n.a.       | 1,051      | r267        | r134.5                       | 1,789                  | 391                          | 92.1       | 97.4             | 5,819          | 19,416                              | 1,457                |
| 1944-45 ..        | n.a.          | n.a.       | 1,137      | r436        | 54.9                         | 2,617                  | 570                          | 93.1       | 112.1            | 6,612          | 12,933                              | 1,683                |
| 1945-46 ..        | n.a.          | n.a.       | 1,052      | 461         | 57.8                         | 2,663                  | 576                          | 75.5       | 87.9             | 6,705          | 12,590                              | 1,774                |
| 1946-47 ..        | n.a.          | n.a.       | 1,178      | 490         | 77.2                         | 2,784                  | 627                          | 95.3       | 109.3            | 5,859          | 14,693                              | 1,812                |
| 1947-48 ..        | n.a.          | n.a.       | 1,231      | 535         | 75.5                         | 3,025                  | 697                          | 103.0      | r111.1           | 6,283          | 14,497                              | 1,290                |
| 1948-49 ..        | 1,066         | 178        | 1,244      | 586         | 74.9                         | 3,061                  | 754                          | 87.1       | 98.0             | 6,889          | 17,017                              | 934                  |
| 1949-50 ..        | 1,039         | 204        | 1,243      | 636         | 71.6                         | 2,908                  | 792                          | 91.5       | 101.1            | 6,991          | 15,925                              | 978                  |
| 1950-51 p ..      | 1,124         | 245        | 1,369      | 608         | 73.3                         | 3,155                  | 875                          | 110.4      | 117.7            | 6,475          | 15,828                              | 909                  |
| Monthly Totals.   |               |            |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |                  |                |                                     |                      |
| 1949-50—          | (d)           | (d)        | (d)        |             |                              |                        |                              |            |                  |                |                                     |                      |
| May ..            | 1,328         | 274        | 1,602      | 679         | 69.1                         | r3,439                 | 920                          | 99.6       | 114.4            | 7,513          | 18,725                              | 2,069                |
| June ..           | 1,134         | 167        | 1,301      | 678         | 80.0                         | r3,437                 | 924                          | 115.1      | 122.0            | 6,560          | 18,085                              | 1,243                |
| 1950-51—          |               |            |            |             |                              | p                      | p                            | p          | p                | p              |                                     |                      |
| July ..           | 1,194         | 185        | 1,379      | 720         | 59.7                         | 3,333                  | 955                          | 103.0      | 104.3            | 7,503          | 17,076                              | 527                  |
| August ..         | 1,334         | 271        | 1,605      | 707         | 82.2                         | r3,472                 | 952                          | 120.6      | 125.1            | 7,498          | 17,359                              | 742                  |
| September         | 1,238         | 249        | 1,487      | 621         | 76.6                         | 3,293                  | 881                          | 122.2      | 135.9            | 7,244          | 16,042                              | 1,325                |
| October ..        | 1,295         | 234        | 1,529      | 565         | 78.1                         | r3,246                 | 878                          | 138.3      | 133.0            | 7,098          | 16,294                              | 1,293                |
| November          | 1,318         | 201        | 1,519      | 443         | 73.6                         | 3,098                  | r842                         | 118.8      | 131.2            | 5,977          | 9,364                               | 1,307                |
| December          | 966           | 209        | 1,175      | 443         | 78.1                         | 2,933                  | 806                          | 107.4      | 118.1            | 5,689          | 16,128                              | 532                  |
| January ..        | 621           | r176       | r797       | p571        | p89.9                        | 2,826                  | 815                          | 86.8       | 92.9             | 6,702          | p16,041                             | p474                 |
| February          | r932          | 221        | 1,153      | 558         | 61.0                         | 2,575                  | 799                          | 86.8       | 97.5             | 6,484          | 14,388                              | 520                  |
| March ..          | 1,065         | 248        | 1,313      | 642         | 69.6                         | 2,856                  | 854                          | 99.4       | 107.3            | 6,222          | 17,814                              | 846                  |
| April ..          | 1,184         | 259        | 1,443      | 628         | 73.1                         | 3,129                  | 872                          | 115.5      | 129.2            | 5,720          | 16,696                              | 598                  |
| May ..            | 1,184         | 342        | 1,526      | 703         | 72.5                         | 3,497                  | r927                         | 111.6      | 116.0            | 5,873          | 17,273                              | 2,050                |
| June ..           | r1,218        | 266        | 1,484      | 697         | 65.0                         | 3,604                  | r923                         | 107.0      | 114.9            | 5,688          | 16,108                              | 699                  |
| 1951-52 p—        |               | r          |            |             |                              |                        |                              |            |                  |                |                                     |                      |
| July ..           | r1,345        | 307        | 1,652      | 721         | 55.9                         | r3,393                 | 997                          | 106.7      | 111.7            | 6,676          | 19,311                              | 1,704                |
| August ..         | r1,381        | 358        | 1,739      | 715         | 75.3                         | r3,793                 | 1,004                        | 124.6      | 138.5            | 6,076          | 15,620                              | 1,561                |
| September         | r1,244        | 327        | 1,571      | 675         | 79.8                         | 3,481                  | 912                          | 120.6      | 132.3            | 5,910          | 15,501                              | 1,077                |
| October ..        | 1,416         | 439        | 1,855      | 708         | 76.8                         | 3,442                  | 948                          | 121.5      | 123.7            | 6,883          | 15,564                              | 1,143                |
| November          | 1,355         | 404        | 1,759      | 668         | 78.5                         | 3,201                  | 936                          | 127.3      | 136.2            | 7,160          | 15,109                              | 1,142                |
| December          | 998           | 319        | 1,317      | 550         | 73.8                         | 3,150                  | 871                          | 128.1      | 134.1            | 7,390          | 19,631                              | 662                  |
| January ..        | 800           | 261        | 1,061      | 646         | 68.9                         | 3,004                  | 884                          | 129.8      | 137.1            | 7,296          | 16,513                              | 1,437                |
| February          | 1,277         | 376        | 1,653      | 660         | 75.6                         | r2,992                 | 905                          | 119.4      | 125.6            | 6,844          | 14,626                              | 677                  |
| March ..          | 1,336         | 407        | 1,743      | 736         | 72.6                         | r3,212                 | 949                          | 128.1      | 134.6            | 7,393          | 14,448                              | 1,050                |
| April ..          |               |            | 1,594      | 646         | 79.9                         | 3,203                  | 914                          | 119.8      | 115.2            | 7,429          | 15,543                              | 1,509                |
| May ..            |               |            | 1,737      | 697         |                              |                        |                              | 96.7       | 89.1             |                |                                     |                      |

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (b) Excludes a very small amount produced outside New South Wales. (c) Source: Australian Mines and Metals Association. (d) Source: Joint Coal Board.

# PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

| Period.           | Building Materials. |                |         |                        |                         |                  |                         | Paints.            |                       | Cooking Stoves. |          |               | Domestic Refrigerators. |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------|-------------------------|
|                   | Clay Bricks.        | Roofing Tiles. |         | Cement Building Sheets | Sawn Native Timber. (a) | Portland Cement. | Fibrous Plaster Sheets. | Ready Mixed Paint. | Lacquers and Enamels. | Solid Fuel. (b) | Gas. (b) | Electric. (c) |                         |
|                   |                     | Terra-cotta.   | Cement. |                        |                         |                  |                         |                    |                       |                 |          |               |                         |
|                   | Million.            | '000.          | '000.   | '000 sq. yds. (d)      | Million sup. ft.        | '000 tons.       | '000 sq. yds.           | '000 gals.         | '000 gals.            | No.             | No.      | No.           | No.                     |
| Monthly Averages. |                     |                |         |                        |                         |                  |                         |                    |                       |                 |          |               |                         |
| 1936-37..         | 53.1                | 2,630          | 326     | 522                    | 53.6                    | 60.0             | 567                     | 161                | n.a.                  | n.a.            | n.a.     | n.a.          | n.a.                    |
| 1937-38..         | 57.4                | 3,023          | 430     | 678                    | 62.2                    | 71.0             | 619                     | 170                | 99                    | 4,562           | 3,481    | 749           | 1,257                   |
| 1938-39..         | 60.0                | 3,307          | 374     | 791                    | 59.8                    | 72.3             | 634                     | 176                | 96                    | 4,538           | 3,894    | 730           | 2,458                   |
| 1944-45..         | 12.6                | 767            | 34      | 1,205                  | 70.2                    | 57.8             | 202                     | 268                | 112                   | 3,146           | 1,487    | 774           | 1,742                   |
| 1945-46..         | 25.4                | 1,961          | 203     | 1,322                  | 74.2                    | 60.3             | 451                     | 264                | 134                   | 3,864           | 1,839    | (e)688        | 3,384                   |
| 1946-47..         | 41.4                | 3,118          | 561     | 1,610                  | 87.3                    | 73.5             | 755                     | 233                | 157                   | 3,629           | 2,264    | 894           | 5,711                   |
| 1947-48..         | 48.2                | 3,483          | 1,689   | 1,641                  | 93.1                    | 84.4             | 977                     | 291                | 190                   | 4,438           | 3,309    | 2,532         | 9,362                   |
| 1948-49..         | 51.4                | 3,680          | 2,358   | 1,547                  | 98.7                    | 86.0             | 1,103                   | 308                | 212                   | 5,120           | 4,130    | 3,494         | 12,134                  |
| 1949-50..         | 50.3                | 3,785          | 3,387   | 1,529                  | 101.9                   | 97.3             | 1,105                   | 330                | 264                   | 5,155           | 3,892    | r2,865        | 13,528                  |
| 1950-51 p         | 54.9                | 3,802          | 4,140   | 1,790                  | f103.5                  | 102.3            | f1,154                  | r454               | r254                  | 6,070           | 4,640    | r3,746        | r16,955                 |
| Monthly Totals.   |                     |                |         |                        |                         |                  |                         |                    |                       |                 |          |               |                         |
| 1949-50—          |                     |                |         |                        |                         |                  |                         |                    |                       |                 |          |               |                         |
| May ..            | 62.7                | 4,533          | 4,300   | 1,896                  | 106.2                   | 121.1            | 1,341                   | 357                | 336                   | 6,424           | 4,949    | 4,473         | 16,799                  |
| June ..           | 52.8                | 3,611          | 4,069   | 1,571                  | 112.9                   | 112.6            | 1,263                   | 348                | r307                  | 5,743           | 4,089    | 4,444         | 14,863                  |
| 1950-51p—         |                     |                |         |                        | (f)                     |                  | (f)                     | r                  | r                     |                 |          | r             | r                       |
| July ..           | 51.7                | 3,491          | 4,060   | 1,775                  | 95.5                    | 99.6             | 1,213                   | 367                | 241                   | 6,233           | 4,186    | 3,061         | 15,278                  |
| Aug. ..           | 61.9                | 3,868          | 4,395   | 1,855                  | 97.1                    | 104.8            | 1,277                   | 425                | 275                   | 6,854           | 4,486    | 4,147         | 17,874                  |
| Sept. ..          | 58.4                | 3,982          | 4,387   | 2,070                  | 106.6                   | 113.9            | 1,263                   | 436                | 262                   | 6,538           | 4,345    | 3,821         | 16,827                  |
| Oct. ..           | 59.0                | 4,274          | 4,382   | 1,892                  | 112.4                   | 115.3            | 1,244                   | 501                | 264                   | 5,957           | 4,509    | 3,944         | 18,225                  |
| Nov. ..           | 61.0                | 4,448          | 4,232   | 1,990                  | 108.9                   | 111.8            | 1,230                   | 518                | 286                   | 6,613           | 5,326    | 4,231         | 20,625                  |
| Dec. ..           | 45.8                | 3,125          | 3,196   | 1,168                  | 94.8                    | 80.7             | 855                     | 379                | 205                   | 4,398           | 3,599    | 3,134         | 16,822                  |
| Jan. ..           | 42.3                | 3,056          | 3,145   | 1,351                  | 85.3                    | 66.7             | 932                     | 325                | 188                   | 4,402           | 2,978    | 2,732         | 13,276                  |
| Feb. ..           | 53.7                | 4,007          | 4,038   | 1,834                  | 91.6                    | 99.3             | 1,166                   | 464                | 251                   | 6,276           | 5,286    | 3,790         | 15,728                  |
| March             | 53.4                | 3,849          | 4,079   | 1,692                  | 98.1                    | 102.3            | 1,129                   | 494                | 254                   | 6,084           | 5,095    | 4,458         | 16,774                  |
| April ..          | 56.8                | 3,858          | 4,248   | 1,809                  | 111.5                   | 108.8            | 1,159                   | 526                | 254                   | 6,128           | 5,064    | 3,653         | 16,071                  |
| May ..            | 61.3                | 4,035          | 4,850   | 2,050                  | 123.0                   | 119.4            | 1,211                   | 495                | 302                   | 7,070           | 6,179    | 4,179         | 17,802                  |
| June ..           | 53.7                | 3,635          | 4,664   | 1,996                  | 117.0                   | 104.9            | 1,164                   | 575                | 269                   | 6,282           | 4,630    | 3,803         | 18,156                  |
| 1951-52p—         |                     | r              |         |                        | r                       |                  |                         | r                  | r                     | r               |          | r             |                         |
| July ..           | 56.8                | 3,710          | 5,208   | 2,083                  | 104.1                   | 107.8            | 1,257                   | 550                | 302                   | 6,685           | 5,132    | 4,783         | 19,704                  |
| Aug. ..           | 64.8                | 4,187          | 5,498   | 1,696                  | 123.6                   | 91.3             | 1,301                   | 550                | 325                   | 6,887           | 5,790    | 4,907         | 20,551                  |
| Sept. ..          | 57.7                | 4,021          | 5,496   | 2,041                  | 117.2                   | 98.7             | 1,259                   | 552                | 313                   | 6,438           | 4,804    | 4,864         | 18,972                  |
| Oct. ..           | 64.2                | 4,684          | 5,922   | 2,033                  | 128.4                   | 122.0            | 1,371                   | 560                | 325                   | 7,216           | 5,502    | 5,007         | 20,635                  |
| Nov. ..           | 62.2                | 4,291          | 5,951   | 2,013                  | 132.9                   | 116.8            | 1,306                   | 513                | 323                   | 7,453           | 5,313    | 6,732         | 21,664                  |
| Dec. ..           | 44.7                | 3,299          | 4,797   | 1,685                  | 110.0                   | 78.7             | 979                     | 335                | 231                   | 5,668           | 3,288    | 3,397         | 14,209                  |
| Jan. ..           | 44.3                | 3,138          | 4,602   | 1,298                  | 104.5                   | 71.4             | 984                     | 316                | 242                   | 4,697           | 3,568    | 3,201         | 12,648                  |
| Feb. ..           | 60.0                | 4,342          | 5,668   | 2,079                  | 113.1                   | 110.8            | 1,289                   | 411                | 282                   | 5,938           | 4,189    | 4,594         | 16,975                  |
| March             | 58.1                | 4,364          | 5,443   | 2,234                  |                         | 117.1            | 1,287                   | 367                | 274                   | 5,750           | 4,155    | 4,432         | 12,566                  |
| April ..          | 54.6                | 4,429          | 5,103   | 1,826                  |                         | 105.8            | 1,171                   | 336                | 235                   | 5,095           | 3,059    | 3,607         | 11,849                  |
| May ..            |                     |                |         |                        |                         |                  |                         | 356                | 246                   |                 |          |               | 11,793                  |

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) Average

of six months' production.

(f) Partly estimated.

# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

| Period.           | Cotton Textiles. |   | Pure Rayon Fabrics. | Wool Textiles.<br>Produced by Wool Scourers and Woollen Mills. |             |                  | Boots and Shoes (not rubber). | Shirts (other than Knitted), Men's and Boys'. |
|-------------------|------------------|---|---------------------|--|-------------|------------------|-------------------------------|---|
|                   | Cotton Yarn.     | Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling). |                     | Scoured Wool.(a)   | Yarn.       | Woven Cloth.     |                               |   |
|                   |                  |   |                     |  |             |                  |                               |   |
|                   | '000 lb.         | '000 sq. yds.                                       | '000 sq. yds.       | Million lb.  | Million lb. | Million sq. yds. | '000 pairs.                   | '000 doz.                                     |
| Monthly Averages. |                  |   |                     |  |             |                  |                               |   |
| 1936-37 .. ..     | 730              | n.a.  | n.a.                | 8.4  | 2.14        | 2.04             | 1,208                         | 60.6  |
| 1937-38 .. ..     | 965              | n.a.  | n.a.                | 7.9  | 2.51        | 2.47             | 1,176                         | 69.1  |
| 1938-39 .. ..     | 974              | n.a.  | n.a.                | 8.8  | 2.71        | 2.65             | 1,164                         | 56.2  |
| 1944-45 .. ..     | 2,349            | n.a.  | n.a.                | 13.6   | 4.55        | 2.98             | 1,388                         | 55.5  |
| 1945-46 .. ..     | 2,045            | n.a.  | n.a.                | 12.8   | 3.97        | 2.90             | 1,170                         | 52.8  |
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 2,257            | 2,117   | n.a.                | 15.3   | 4.13        | 3.18             | 1,306                         | 58.3  |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 2,368            | 1,960   | 369.2               | 14.8   | 4.28        | 3.42             | 1,351                         | 65.8  |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 2,290            | 2,133   | 475.5               | 13.5   | 4.23        | 3.40             | 1,287                         | 71.3  |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 2,454            | 2,397   | 548.5               | r14.4  | r4.09       | 3.09             | 1,284                         | r73.7   |
| 1950-51 p ..      | r2,946           | 2,595   | r882.8              | r12.6  | r3.90       | 3.26             | 1,383                         | 71.8  |
| Monthly Totals.   |                  |   |                     |  |             |                  |                               |   |
| 1949-50—          |                  |   |                     |  |             |                  |                               |   |
| May .. ..         | 3,282            | 3,190   | r787.1              | r16.5  | r4.67       | 3.71             | 1,517                         | r78.7   |
| June .. ..        | 2,737            | 2,694   | r836.6              | r17.2  | r4.51       | 3.21             | 1,422                         | r75.7   |
| 1950-51p—         | r                |   | r                   |  | r           |                  |                               |   |
| July .. ..        | 2,990            | 2,816   | 694.5               | 13.9   | 4.07        | 3.30             | 1,386                         | 67.0  |
| August .. ..      | 3,242            | 3,004   | 748.9               | 14.6   | 4.44        | 3.68             | 1,537                         | 78.2  |
| September ..      | 2,967            | 2,777   | 988.7               | 11.8   | 4.38        | 3.46             | 1,479                         | 72.2  |
| October .. ..     | 2,970            | 2,812   | 946.4               | 12.5   | 4.25        | 3.61             | 1,483                         | 80.2  |
| November ..       | 3,473            | 3,028   | 946.4               | 13.2   | 4.50        | 3.63             | 1,538                         | 92.0  |
| December ..       | 2,148            | 1,897   | 708.2               | 10.8   | 2.97        | 2.47             | 1,062                         | 64.8  |
| January .. ..     | 2,245            | 1,768   | 783.6               | r9.7   | 2.86        | 2.53             | 1,001                         | 41.7  |
| February ..       | 2,988            | 2,472   | 882.9               | r11.2  | 3.54        | 3.12             | 1,348                         | 73.7  |
| March .. ..       | 2,674            | 2,415   | 990.9               | 12.6   | 3.63        | 3.13             | 1,328                         | 69.7  |
| April .. ..       | 2,913            | 2,635   | 959.7               | 13.0   | 3.72        | 3.30             | 1,389                         | 65.7  |
| May .. ..         | 3,553            | 2,790   | 994.9               | 13.7   | 4.27        | 3.49             | 1,542                         | 81.5  |
| June .. ..        | 3,187            | 2,727   | 948.9               | 14.1   | 4.23        | 3.42             | 1,499                         | 75.2  |
| 1951-52 p—        |                  | r   |                     |  | r           |                  | r                             |   |
| July .. ..        | 3,441            | 2,972   | 1,192.9             | 11.5   | 4.08        | 3.09             | 1,548                         | 85.2  |
| August .. ..      | 3,487            | 3,192   | 1,280.8             | 10.5   | 4.43        | 3.16             | 1,623                         | 104.4   |
| September ..      | 3,192            | 2,874   | 982.4               | 8.7  | 4.14        | 3.17             | 1,508                         | 86.6  |
| October .. ..     | 3,583            | 3,138   | 1,062.6             | 10.7   | 4.36        | 3.16             | 1,638                         | 101.8   |
| November ..       | 3,524            | 3,047   | 1,049.7             | 10.4   | 3.69        | 2.85             | 1,562                         | 103.3   |
| December ..       | 2,373            | 2,084   | 558.0               | 8.1  | 2.34        | 1.88             | 1,041                         | 78.4  |
| January .. ..     | 2,279            | 2,183   | 789.0               | 8.7  | 2.10        | 1.81             | 988                           | 52.7  |
| February ..       | 2,862            | 2,949   | 947.1               | 9.8  | 2.59        | r2.49            | 1,376                         | r78.5   |
| March .. ..       | 2,743            | 2,920   | 815.3               | 10.1   | 2.52        | r2.30            | 1,401                         | 63.7  |
| April .. ..       | 2,577            | 2,720   | 719.4               | 9.1  | 1.97        | r1.77            | 1,220                         | 63.8  |
| May .. ..         | 2,426            | 2,730   | 799.5               | 10.5   | 2.27        | 1.89             | 1,388                         | 65.5  |

(a) Includes carbonized wool.

# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—*continued.*

| Period.           | Knitted Goods—Made in Knitting Mills. |                             |                  |                    |             |                   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
|                   | Hosiery.                              |                             |                  | Knitted Underwear. |             |                   |
|                   | Men's and Boys'.                      | Women's, Maids' and Girls'. | Children's.      | Men's.             | Women's (a) | Boys' and Girls'. |
|                   | '000 doz. pairs.                      | '000 doz. pairs.            | '000 doz. pairs. | '000 doz.          | '000 doz.   | '000 doz.         |
| Monthly Averages. |                                       |                             |                  |                    |             |                   |
| 1936-37 .. ..     | 83.1                                  | 157.1                       | 49.1             |                    | 153.8       |                   |
| 1937-38 .. ..     | 86.7                                  | 183.7                       | 52.0             |                    | 178.5       |                   |
| 1938-39 .. ..     | 91.9                                  | 178.0                       | 51.0             |                    | 176.8       |                   |
| 1944-45 .. ..     | 123.8                                 | 88.0                        | 40.1             |                    | 195.3       |                   |
| 1945-46 .. ..     | 95.7                                  | 99.6                        | 45.4             | 41.5               | 91.2        | 30.0              |
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 106.4                                 | 121.6                       | 43.0             | 49.3               | 103.0       | 36.1              |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 105.4                                 | 130.6                       | 59.8             | 52.3               | 110.7       | 40.9              |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 106.3                                 | 128.0                       | 58.8             | 55.6               | 105.7       | 36.4              |
| 1949-50 p .. ..   | 96.6                                  | r142.4                      | r54.7            | 71.9               | 103.4       | 47.7              |
| 1950-51 p .. ..   | 129.3                                 | r156.1                      | r49.4            | 68.0               | 115.6       | 61.5              |
| Monthly Totals.   |                                       |                             |                  |                    |             |                   |
| 1949-50 p—        |                                       |                             |                  |                    |             |                   |
| May .. ..         | 121.2                                 | r183.6                      | r69.1            | 80.3               | 124.9       | 56.2              |
| June .. ..        | 120.3                                 | r166.0                      | r58.8            | 74.8               | 104.0       | 58.5              |
| 1950-51 p—        |                                       |                             |                  |                    |             |                   |
| July .. ..        | r117.1                                | r150.9                      | r50.5            | 69.9               | 110.8       | 59.3              |
| August .. ..      | 143.2                                 | 170.3                       | 62.4             | 78.2               | 111.7       | 72.6              |
| September .. ..   | 130.8                                 | 160.9                       | 53.0             | 67.3               | 118.8       | 67.0              |
| October .. ..     | 146.8                                 | 172.8                       | 58.3             | 70.8               | 125.1       | 67.6              |
| November .. ..    | 143.1                                 | 172.0                       | 55.2             | 73.6               | 137.4       | 68.1              |
| December .. ..    | 105.9                                 | 124.5                       | 38.5             | 54.0               | 105.9       | 50.1              |
| January .. ..     | 89.7                                  | 100.9                       | 32.2             | 49.7               | 80.2        | 37.2              |
| February .. ..    | 124.5                                 | 158.3                       | 45.7             | 62.8               | 114.5       | 58.1              |
| March .. ..       | 118.7                                 | 152.1                       | 49.0             | 60.1               | 97.4        | 57.5              |
| April .. ..       | 142.9                                 | 161.6                       | 46.7             | 70.4               | 126.2       | 64.9              |
| May .. ..         | 149.6                                 | 174.7                       | 52.5             | 80.2               | 132.4       | 71.3              |
| June .. ..        | 139.1                                 | 174.5                       | 49.0             | 79.1               | 126.3       | 63.7              |
| 1951-52 p—        |                                       |                             |                  |                    |             | r                 |
| July .. ..        | 150.3                                 | 183.1                       | 54.1             | 83.0               | 129.2       | 62.4              |
| August .. ..      | 157.9                                 | 185.0                       | 59.5             | 92.1               | 140.4       | 79.8              |
| September .. ..   | 145.4                                 | 173.6                       | 49.0             | 81.0               | 135.7       | 65.0              |
| October .. ..     | 163.5                                 | 197.6                       | 57.4             | 95.6               | 158.4       | 77.4              |
| November .. ..    | r132.9                                | 169.5                       | 49.3             | 78.8               | 140.4       | 62.7              |
| December .. ..    | 102.8                                 | 121.8                       | 35.6             | 56.1               | 106.1       | 40.1              |
| January .. ..     | 69.8                                  | r106.3                      | 36.5             | 45.6               | 77.4        | 34.5              |
| February .. ..    | 109.1                                 | 143.8                       | 36.0             | 58.7               | 125.9       | 47.9              |
| March .. ..       | r99.2                                 | r133.2                      | 36.7             | 57.8               | 116.3       | 39.3              |
| April .. ..       | 85.0                                  | r116.1                      | 31.0             | 50.8               | 102.7       | 33.2              |
| May .. ..         | 98.3                                  | 151.1                       | 36.2             | 48.9               | 104.2       | 38.0              |

(a) Excludes Women's and Girls' Nightwear.

# PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

| Period.           | Wheaten Flour.   | Refined Sugar. | Dairy Products (Factory Production). |         |                              | Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a) |            |            |            |                    |            | Beer.      |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|------------|------------|
|                   |                  |                | Butter.                              | Cheese. | Processed Milk Products. (b) | Beef (including Veal).    | Mutton.    | Lamb.      | Pork.      | Bacon and Ham. (c) | Total. (d) |            |
|                   | '000 Short Tons. | '000 Tons.     | Tons.                                | Tons.   | Tons.                        | '000 Tons.                | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons. | '000 Tons.         | '000 Tons. | '000 gals. |
| Monthly Averages. |                  |                |                                      |         |                              |                           |            |            |            |                    |            |            |
| 1936-37..         | 102.4            | 27.0           | 13,908                               | 1,636   | (e) 2,404                    | 45.9                      | 16.0       | 9.94       | 3.60       | 2.74               | 79.6       | 6,261      |
| 1937-38..         | 104.2            | 28.9           | 15,242                               | 2,018   | (e) 2,620                    | 49.7                      | 17.2       | 9.92       | 3.23       | 2.62               | 84.0       | 7,084      |
| 1938-39..         | 114.4            | 28.2           | 16,232                               | 2,415   | (e) 2,475                    | 46.6                      | 17.1       | 9.55       | 3.09       | 2.77               | 80.5       | 7,523      |
| 1944-45..         | 117.7            | 37.0           | 11,431                               | 2,872   | 6,226                        | 38.4                      | 21.4       | 11.51      | 3.55       | 4.69               | 82.0       | 8,613      |
| 1945-46..         | 101.6            | 35.7           | 12,131                               | 3,414   | 6,606                        | 33.9                      | 16.5       | 7.74       | 2.93       | 4.05               | 67.1       | 9,033      |
| 1946-47..         | 124.1            | 35.2           | 11,568                               | 3,518   | 6,667                        | 40.6                      | 15.2       | 10.00      | 2.50       | 3.97               | 73.8       | 10,657     |
| 1947-48..         | 133.2            | 36.3           | 13,132                               | 3,453   | 7,691                        | 46.8                      | 13.8       | 10.80      | 2.28       | 3.83               | 78.9       | 10,561     |
| 1948-49..         | 139.9            | 35.7           | 13,424                               | 3,596   | 8,330                        | 48.1                      | 15.1       | 11.59      | 3.10       | 3.47               | 82.6       | 12,171     |
| 1949-50..         | 125.8            | 35.2           | 14,037                               | 3,731   | 9,353                        | 50.5                      | 17.2       | 12.69      | 2.91       | 3.38               | 87.9       | 13,009     |
| 1950-51..         | p140.8           | p37.9          | p13,322                              | p3,713  | p8,702                       | 54.3                      | r13.5      | r9.37      | p2.85      | p3.11              | pr84.2     | p14,452    |
| Monthly Totals.   |                  |                |                                      |         |                              |                           |            |            |            |                    |            |            |
| 1949-50—          |                  |                |                                      |         |                              |                           |            |            |            |                    |            |            |
| May ..            | 139.2            | 40.1           | 9,484                                | 1,790   | 5,579                        | 56.8                      | 13.8       | 7.19       | 3.08       | 3.21               | 85.3       | 14,834     |
| June ..           | 137.3            | 34.2           | 7,169                                | 1,349   | 4,680                        | 63.4                      | 12.8       | 7.17       | 2.99       | 3.01               | 90.5       | 12,881     |
| 1950-51—          | p                | p              | p                                    | p       | p                            |                           |            |            | p          | p                  | p          | p          |
| July ..           | 145.5            | 37.9           | 7,356                                | 1,662   | 4,581                        | 58.0                      | 12.4       | 6.78       | 2.57       | 2.62               | 83.2       | 12,700     |
| Aug. ..           | 147.6            | 42.8           | 10,378                               | 3,037   | 7,045                        | 58.1                      | 12.2       | 8.41       | 2.39       | 3.01               | 85.2       | 14,104     |
| Sept. ..          | 146.5            | 40.3           | 14,445                               | 5,094   | 9,988                        | 55.5                      | 12.4       | 11.21      | 2.23       | 2.91               | 85.2       | 13,595     |
| Oct. ..           | 142.9            | 38.7           | 19,933                               | 7,018   | 13,246                       | 52.0                      | 12.8       | 16.20      | 2.28       | 2.96               | 87.3       | 14,792     |
| Nov. ..           | 122.1            | 38.5           | 21,279                               | 7,218   | 14,968                       | 50.3                      | 14.4       | 15.05      | 2.78       | 3.62               | 87.4       | 15,029     |
| Dec. ..           | 119.9            | 36.2           | 20,658                               | 6,212   | 13,622                       | 46.9                      | 14.9       | 14.13      | 3.79       | 4.23               | 85.5       | 15,079     |
| Jan. ..           | 142.0            | 33.3           | 18,201                               | 4,468   | 10,812                       | 42.9                      | r16.8      | r8.94      | 2.66       | 2.81               | r75.1      | 15,838     |
| Feb. ..           | 132.6            | 34.0           | 13,800                               | 2,797   | 8,252                        | r47.3                     | r16.2      | r7.23      | 3.05       | 2.86               | r77.6      | 13,816     |
| March             | 139.6            | 38.1           | 12,627                               | 2,627   | 7,082                        | 52.8                      | r14.2      | r6.59      | 3.38       | 3.05               | r81.1      | 14,627     |
| April ..          | 141.7            | 37.2           | 8,848                                | 1,644   | 5,133                        | r57.8                     | r13.4      | r6.49      | 3.10       | 2.98               | r84.8      | 14,554     |
| May ..            | 154.2            | 40.3           | 6,594                                | 1,333   | 4,810                        | r67.4                     | r12.1      | r6.29      | 3.24       | 3.37               | r93.6      | 15,493     |
| June ..           | 154.6            | 37.6           | 5,746                                | 1,447   | 4,882                        | r62.6                     | r10.2      | r5.12      | 2.67       | 2.89               | r84.5      | 13,797     |
| 1951-52 p—        |                  |                |                                      |         |                              |                           |            |            |            |                    |            |            |
| July ..           | 168.2            | 39.6           | 7,017                                | 2,131   | 5,221                        | r62.6                     | r10.3      | r4.57      | r2.66      | r3.09              | r84.3      | 14,703     |
| Aug. ..           | 156.9            | 45.2           | 9,135                                | 3,042   | 7,348                        | r63.1                     | r10.8      | r6.06      | r2.82      | r3.13              | r87.0      | 15,351     |
| Sept. ..          | 145.9            | 43.2           | 11,541                               | 4,653   | 10,677                       | r52.4                     | r11.0      | r7.75      | r2.68      | 2.62               | r77.4      | 14,318     |
| Oct. ..           | 147.2            | 44.9           | 16,797                               | 6,269   | 14,639                       | r45.6                     | r12.6      | r12.86     | r2.59      | r3.02              | r77.6      | 16,003     |
| Nov. ..           | 143.2            | 43.8           | 16,103                               | 6,082   | 14,767                       | r44.5                     | r16.0      | r15.47     | r2.96      | r3.55              | r83.8      | 15,989     |
| Dec. ..           | 125.9            | 35.6           | 13,939                               | 5,133   | 12,792                       | r38.8                     | r16.6      | r11.86     | r3.41      | r3.32              | r75.1      | 15,499     |
| Jan. ..           | 145.1            | 40.1           | 12,381                               | 3,698   | 10,003                       | 40.6                      | r17.4      | r9.73      | r2.80      | r2.37              | r73.7      | 17,179     |
| Feb. ..           | 136.9            | 45.2           | 9,536                                | 2,430   | 7,012                        | 45.2                      | r18.3      | r8.35      | r3.29      | 2.61               | r78.6      | 16,240     |
| March             | 134.7            | 43.4           | 10,225                               | 2,156   | 6,488                        | r42.2                     | 16.0       | r7.72      | r3.19      | 2.65               | r72.7      | 16,460     |
| April ..          | 114.0            | 36.5           | 9,149                                | 1,676   | 5,742                        | 40.5                      | 13.6       | 7.44       | 3.35       | 2.68               | r68.4      | 15,184     |
| May ..            | 139.3            | 42.3           | 8,228                                | 1,562   | 4,590                        | 52.3                      | 14.6       | 6.99       | 3.16       | 2.74               | 80.8       | 14,832     |

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Excludes casein and sterilized cream. (c) Cured weight. (d) In terms of fresh meat. (e) Incomplete.



# PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

| Period.           | Tobacco,<br>Cigars and<br>Cigarettes.<br>(a) | Sulphuric<br>Acid<br>(100%). | Super-<br>phosphate. | Motor Bodies.            |                              |            | Pneumatic<br>Tyres—<br>Motor Cycle,<br>Car, Truck,<br>Aero, &c. |
|-------------------|--|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------|---|
|                   |  |                              |                      | Sedans<br>and<br>Coupes. | Tourers<br>and<br>Roadsters. | Utilities. |   |
|                   | '000 lb.                                     | '000<br>Tons.                | '000<br>Tons.        | No.                      | No.                          | No.        | '000.   |
| Monthly Averages. |  |                              |                      |                          |                              |            |   |
| 1936-37 .. ..     | 1,805  | 36.4                         | 90.9                 | 3,660                    | 478                          | 610        | n.a.  |
| 1937-38 .. ..     | 1,904  | 41.3                         | 102.8                | 4,032                    | 804                          | 518        | n.a.  |
| 1938-39 .. ..     | 1,939  | 40.8                         | 100.0                | 3,426                    | 816                          | 715        | n.a.  |
| 1944-45 .. ..     | 2,193  | 27.8                         | 70.0                 | 16                       | 6                            | 15         | 63  |
| 1945-46 .. ..     | 2,208  | 33.7                         | 92.1                 | 68                       | 163                          | 165        | 94  |
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 2,534  | 38.3                         | 97.5                 | 1,199                    | 496                          | 528        | 141   |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 2,502  | 40.4                         | 98.8                 | 1,874                    | 536                          | 786        | 142   |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 2,427  | 48.8                         | r118.6               | 2,131                    | 487                          | 798        | 143   |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 2,558  | 51.0                         | 123.6                | 2,347                    | 333                          | 1,174      | 164   |
| 1950-51 p .. ..   | 2,630  | r53.4                        | 129.0                | 3,040                    | 376                          | r1,835     | 187   |
| Monthly Totals.   |  |                              |                      |                          |                              |            |   |
| 1949-50—          |  |                              |                      |                          |                              |            |   |
| May .. ..         | 2,890  | 61.5                         | 152.9                | 3,186                    | 428                          | 1,441      | 220   |
| June .. ..        | 2,480  | 57.7                         | 132.8                | 3,298                    | 407                          | 1,658      | 199   |
| 1950-51 p—        |  | r                            |                      |                          |                              | r          |   |
| July .. ..        | 2,645  | 53.2                         | 123.0                | 3,363                    | 441                          | 1,706      | 198   |
| August .. ..      | 2,575  | 58.5                         | 148.4                | 3,478                    | 430                          | 1,655      | 219   |
| September .. ..   | 2,575  | 47.2                         | 113.6                | 3,545                    | 377                          | 1,940      | 203   |
| October .. ..     | 2,569  | 48.6                         | 104.0                | 3,116                    | r302                         | 1,892      | 201   |
| November .. ..    | 2,528  | 55.2                         | 134.0                | 3,288                    | 427                          | 1,878      | 215   |
| December .. ..    | 2,821  | 48.7                         | 105.1                | 2,638                    | 269                          | 1,572      | 126   |
| January .. ..     | 2,162  | 55.3                         | 144.1                | 2,219                    | 235                          | 1,593      | 126   |
| February .. ..    | 2,787  | 48.2                         | 117.6                | 2,922                    | 286                          | 1,774      | 173   |
| March .. ..       | 2,682  | 52.8                         | 124.1                | 2,698                    | 315                          | 1,805      | 185   |
| April .. ..       | 2,726  | 53.3                         | 130.9                | 2,830                    | 335                          | 2,106      | 190   |
| May .. ..         | 2,979  | 61.0                         | 160.3                | 3,071                    | 389                          | 1,923      | 210   |
| June .. ..        | 2,517  | 59.3                         | 142.6                | 3,308                    | 501                          | 2,140      | 195   |
| 1951-52 p—        |  | r                            |                      |                          |                              | r          |   |
| July .. ..        | 2,741  | 55.5                         | 125.7                | 3,397                    | 909                          | 2,032      | 201   |
| August .. ..      | 2,976  | 57.0                         | 154.6                | 3,933                    | 634                          | 2,040      | 224   |
| September .. ..   | 3,989  | 47.5                         | 115.5                | 3,385                    | (b)                          | 2,190      | 212   |
| October .. ..     | 1,382  | 54.5                         | 140.0                | 3,664                    | (b)                          | 2,208      | 207   |
| November .. ..    | 3,095  | 51.4                         | 126.3                | 3,682                    | (b)                          | 1,888      | 247   |
| December .. ..    | 2,394  | 54.6                         | 120.8                | 2,797                    | (b)                          | 1,477      | 162   |
| January .. ..     | 2,410  | 58.8                         | 153.5                | 2,203                    | (b)                          | 1,505      | 175   |
| February .. ..    | 2,550  | 49.6                         | 131.1                | 3,804                    | (b)                          | 1,832      | 228   |
| March .. ..       | 2,949  | 57.8                         | 139.0                | 3,529                    | (b)                          | 1,626      | 245   |
| April .. ..       | 2,597  | 61.1                         | 154.9                | 3,463                    | r178                         | 1,397      | 208   |
| May .. ..         | 2,864  | 44.1                         | 129.4                | 4,130                    | (b)                          | 1,852      | 244   |

(a) Details for 1949-50 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production ; 1950-51 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid. (b) Not available for publication.

# INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.  
(Base : 1948 = 100.)

| Period.      | Belgium.<br>(a) | Canada.<br>(a) | Denmark.<br>(b) | France.<br>(b) | Italy. | Japan. | Nether-<br>lands. | Norway.<br>(b) (c) | Sweden.<br>(b) | United<br>King-<br>dom.<br>(d) | U.S.A.<br>(b) (e) |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1937 ..      | 102             | 60             | 78              | 98             | n.a.   | 193    | 88                | 80                 | 67             | 91                             | 59                |
| 1938 ..      | 82              | 56             | 78              | 90             | 101    | 206    | 89                | 80                 | 67             | 86                             | 46                |
| 1939 ..      | 87              | 60             | 84              | n.a.           | n.a.   | 216    | 98                | 85                 | 73             | n.a.                           | 57                |
| 1945 ..      | n.a.            | 97             | 58              | 38             | n.a.   | 118    | 27                | 55                 | 75             | n.a.                           | 106               |
| 1946 ..      | 73              | 88             | 79              | 71             | n.a.   | 66     | 65                | 80                 | 91             | 83                             | 89                |
| 1947 ..      | 93              | 97             | 90              | 86             | 96     | 77     | 83                | 92                 | 94             | 89                             | 97                |
| 1948 ..      | 100             | 100            | 100             | 100            | 100    | 100    | 100               | 100                | 100            | 100                            | 100               |
| 1949 ..      | 100             | 102            | 107             | 110            | 110    | 126    | 112               | 106                | 104            | 107                            | 92                |
| 1950 ..      | 102             | 109            | 118             | 111            | 127    | 152    | 123               | 113                | 108            | 116                            | 104               |
| 1951 ..      | 117             | 117            | 121             | 125            | 144    | 199    | 128               | r119               | 112            | 119                            | 115               |
| 1950—        |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                   |                    |                |                                |                   |
| May ..       | 103             | 109            | 129             | 115            | 131    | 147    | 116               | 121                | 112            | 117                            | 102               |
| June ..      | 96              | 113            | 125             | 112            | 125    | 148    | 122               | 117                | 110            | 118                            | 104               |
| July ..      | 87              | 109            | 89              | 105            | 126    | 147    | 121               | 75                 | 75             | 111                            | 103               |
| August ..    | 96              | 105            | 120             | 90             | 106    | 148    | 125               | 107                | 105            | 102                            | 110               |
| September .. | 110             | 113            | 128             | 113            | 133    | 150    | 133               | 114                | 110            | 118                            | 112               |
| October ..   | 114             | 116            | 127             | 119            | 141    | 167    | 139               | 119                | 114            | 126                            | 115               |
| November ..  | 114             | 116            | 127             | 123            | 136    | 170    | 135               | 120                | 115            | 126                            | 112               |
| December ..  | 110             | 115            | 122             | 120            | 138    | 181    | 124               | 118                | 112            | 116                            | 112               |
| 1951—        |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                   |                    |                |                                |                   |
| January ..   | 112             | 116            | 124             | 123            | 142    | 174    | 129               | 118                | 109            | 116                            | 112               |
| February ..  | 115             | 118            | 126             | 126            | 137    | 169    | 125               | 133                | 113            | 125                            | 113               |
| March ..     | 120             | 120            | 130             | 123            | 150    | 197    | 139               | 122                | 117            | 117                            | 114               |
| April ..     | 121             | 120            | 128             | 128            | 146    | 199    | 131               | 122                | 118            | 125                            | 116               |
| May ..       | 123             | 123            | 126             | 131            | 151    | 205    | 128               | 130                | 117            | 119                            | 116               |
| June ..      | 121             | 121            | 121             | 130            | 146    | 206    | 127               | 123                | 116            | 123                            | 116               |
| July ..      | 108             | 115            | 90              | 120            | 151    | 207    | 119               | 84                 | 79             | 115                            | 111               |
| August ..    | 114             | 113            | 115             | 101            | 122    | 200    | 124               | 113                | 107            | 105                            | 115               |
| September .. | 117             | 115            | 124             | 123            | 147    | 194    | 126               | 123                | 115            | 120                            | 116               |
| October ..   | 119             | 117            | 124             | 129            | 154    | 194    | 139               | 122                | 116            | 125                            | 116               |
| November ..  | 121             | 114            | 125             | 133            | 144    | 200    | 135               | 121                | 118            | 126                            | 115               |
| December ..  | 117             | 110            | 116             | 131            | 141    | 211    | 120               | 116                | 117            | 117                            | 113               |
| 1952—        |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                   |                    |                |                                |                   |
| January ..   | r116            | 113            | 114             | 135            | 146    | 204    | 130               | 121                | 111            | 119                            | 113               |
| February ..  | 115             | r114           | 118             | 137            | r138   | r202   | 124               | 131                | 112            | 123                            | 114               |
| March ..     |                 | r116           | 121             | r137           | 143    | 212    | r127              | 122                | r115           | r123                           | 113               |
| April ..     |                 | 117            | 118             | 136            |        | 210    | 123               | 122                | 118            | 115                            | 112               |
| May ..       |                 |                |                 |                |        |        |                   |                    |                |                                | 111               |

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days. (b) Adjusted for number of working days.  
(c) Excluding electricity. (d) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Including construction. (e) Excluding electricity and manufactured gas.

# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excludes Defence Service Vehicles.)

| Period.           | Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period |                         |               | New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(a) |                          |               |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------|---------------|
|                   | Motor Cars                                  | Commercial Vehicles, &c | Motor Cycles. | Motor Cars.                                     | Commercial Vehicles, &c. | Motor Cycles. |
|                   | '000.                                       | '000.                   | '000.         |   |                          |               |
| Monthly Averages. |   |                         |               |   |                          |               |
| 1936-37 .. ..     | 499   | 214                     | 78            | 4,049   | 2,016                    | 623           |
| 1937-38 .. ..     | 535   | 242                     | 80            | 4,594   | 2,283                    | 694           |
| 1938-39(a) .. ..  | 562   | 258                     | 79            | 4,509   | 2,077                    | 614           |
| 1944-45 .. ..     | 506   | 291                     | 57            | 75  | 638                      | 34            |
| 1945-46 .. ..     | 523   | 333                     | 73            | 177   | 724                      | 163           |
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 550   | 376                     | 87            | 1,770   | 1,360                    | 685           |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 593   | 414                     | 100           | 3,562   | 2,397                    | 1,192         |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 655   | 452                     | 117           | 5,539   | 3,056                    | 1,852         |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 768   | 502                     | 134           | 9,584   | 4,829                    | 2,232         |
| 1950-51 .. ..     | 883   | 551                     | 146           | 10,639  | 6,494                    | 2,263         |
| Monthly Totals.   |   |                         |               |   |                          |               |
| 1949-50—          |   |                         |               |   |                          |               |
| May .. ..         | 755   | 497                     | 133           | 14,864  | 6,969                    | 2,483         |
| June .. ..        | 768   | 502                     | 134           | 12,528  | 5,955                    | 1,646         |
| 1950-51—          |   |                         |               |   |                          |               |
| July .. ..        | 777   | 500                     | 133           | 11,915  | 6,358                    | 1,781         |
| August .. ..      | 790   | 508                     | 134           | 13,446  | 7,588                    | 2,136         |
| September .. ..   | 800   | 511                     | 135           | 11,814  | 7,186                    | 2,076         |
| October .. ..     | 811   | 515                     | 137           | 11,940  | 7,529                    | 2,380         |
| November .. ..    | 822   | 523                     | 138           | 11,848  | 7,978                    | 2,470         |
| December .. ..    | 831   | 528                     | 138           | 9,926   | 6,008                    | 1,975         |
| January .. ..     | 839   | 529                     | 139           | 7,742   | 5,021                    | 2,044         |
| February .. ..    | 849   | 535                     | 141           | 10,096  | 5,877                    | 2,197         |
| March .. ..       | 858   | 540                     | 142           | 10,019  | 6,379                    | 3,113         |
| April .. ..       | 869   | 545                     | 144           | 9,742   | 5,942                    | 2,620         |
| May .. ..         | 875   | 548                     | 145           | 10,641  | 6,463                    | 2,405         |
| June .. ..        | 883   | 551                     | 146           | 8,542   | 5,604                    | 1,954         |
| 1951-52—          |   |                         |               |   |                          |               |
| July .. ..        | 895   | 557                     | 146           | 10,691  | 7,019                    | 2,188         |
| August .. ..      | 912   | 567                     | 148           | 13,556  | 9,441                    | 2,735         |
| September .. ..   | 921   | 571                     | 149           | 10,795  | 6,347                    | 2,397         |
| October .. ..     | 934   | 576                     | 151           | 12,145  | 6,537                    | 2,500         |
| November .. ..    | 944   | 579                     | 152           | 11,866  | 6,835                    | 2,187         |
| December .. ..    | 956   | 579                     | 153           | 9,879   | 5,406                    | 1,789         |
| January .. ..     | 970   | 580                     | 153           | 8,160   | 4,577                    | 1,567         |
| February .. ..    | 986   | 582                     | 154           | 9,637   | 5,301                    | 1,574         |
| March .. ..       | 995   | 581                     | 154           | 10,996  | 5,879                    | 1,774         |
| April .. ..       | 1,005                                       | 581                     | 154           | 10,152  | 5,407                    | 1,381         |

(a) Excludes Northern Territory ; also extra-Metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.

# GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : FREIGHT, PASSENGERS AND REVENUE.

The following table shows statistics of freight and passengers carried and of revenue earned on the five Mainland State Railways to the end of June, 1947. From July, 1947, particulars relate to all State and Commonwealth Railway Systems.

The daily average number of passenger-journeys is obtained by dividing the monthly totals by the *total* number of days in the month.

| Period.         | Freight Carried.        |                       | Passenger-Journeys.     | Gross Revenue.       | Net Revenue.         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                 | Net Ton Miles.          | Average haul per ton. |                         |                      |                      |
|                 | Daily Average.<br>'000. | Miles.                | Daily Average.<br>'000. | Per Month.<br>£'000. | Per Month.<br>£'000. |
| 1936-37 .. ..   | 12,820                  | 125.9                 | 1,028                   | 3,407                | 886                  |
| 1937-38 .. ..   | 13,976                  | 125.0                 | 1,048                   | 3,632                | 886                  |
| 1938-39 .. ..   | 13,085                  | 127.0                 | 1,048                   | 3,580                | 694                  |
|                 | (a)                     | (a)                   |                         |                      |                      |
| 1944-45 .. ..   | 18,389                  | 150.0                 | 1,457                   | 5,869                | 1,056                |
| 1945-46 .. ..   | 16,893                  | 147.1                 | 1,485                   | 5,576                | 823                  |
| 1946-47 .. ..   | 17,406                  | 148.4                 | 1,368                   | 5,303                | 427                  |
| 1947-48 .. ..   | (b)18,510               | (b)144.4              | 1,395                   | 6,376                | 443                  |
| 1948-49 .. ..   | (b)19,317               | (b)146.2              | 1,381                   | 7,174                | 89                   |
| 1949-50 .. ..   | (b)19,181               | (b)148.8              | 1,377                   | 7,702                | — 184                |
| 1950-51 .. ..   | (b)19,462               | (b)148.6              | 1,300                   | 8,834                | — 569                |
| 1950-51—        | (b)                     | (b)                   |                         |                      | (c)                  |
| March .. ..     | 18,751                  | 158.8                 | 1,335                   | 9,144                | — 537                |
| April .. ..     | 20,457                  | 148.3                 | 1,456                   | 9,400                | — 477                |
| May .. ..       | 20,534                  | 145.8                 | 1,356                   | 10,234               | — 1,279              |
| June .. ..      | 20,996                  | 153.2                 | 1,186                   | 10,761               | — 1,279              |
| 1951-52—        |                         |                       |                         |                      |                      |
| July .. ..      | 21,521                  | 143.7                 | 1,426                   | 10,129               | — 488                |
| August .. ..    | 21,906                  | 141.9                 | 1,294                   | 10,697               | — 523                |
| September .. .. | 22,284                  | 147.7                 | 1,378                   | 10,037               | — 855                |
| October .. ..   | 21,325                  | 146.0                 | 1,311                   | 11,438               | 147                  |
| November .. ..  | 21,833                  | 148.5                 | 1,354                   | 12,635               | 387                  |
| December .. ..  | 20,374                  | 160.5                 | 1,373                   | 11,701               | 372                  |
| January .. ..   | 17,812                  | 143.3                 | 1,338                   | 12,167               | 493                  |
| February .. ..  | 20,544                  | 142.2                 | 1,400                   | 12,420               | 619                  |
| March .. ..     | 19,914                  | 137.4                 | 1,438                   | 12,168               | — 291                |

(a) Excludes Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Excludes Tasmania. (c) These figures do not present satisfactory monthly comparisons, because of the periodical inclusion in expenditure of amounts to be set aside for special purposes. Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

## MAINLAND STATE RAILWAYS : GROSS REVENUE.(a)

(£'000.)

| Period.              | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Total. |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|--------|
| July-May, 1950-51 .. | 43,663           | 16,469    | 16,973      | (b) 6,410        | 6,181              | 89,696 |
| July-May, 1951-52 .. | 60,118           | 21,682    | 20,405      |                  | 8,598              |        |

(a) From monthly statements issued by each Treasury. These figures are on a cash basis and differ slightly from the corresponding figures in the table above, which are on an income and expenditure basis. (b) Excludes Treasury transfers—1950-51, £2,383,000.

# INTERSTATE SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

| Period.           | Tons (weight and measurement combined) shipped from— |           |             |                  |                    |           |                  |
|-------------------|--|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|
|                   | New South Wales.                                     | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Total Australia. |
| Monthly Averages. |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                  |
| 1936-37 ..        | 284  | 92        | 39          | 184              | 8                  | 68        | 675              |
| 1937-38 ..        | 309  | 101       | 37          | 212              | 8                  | 75        | 742              |
| 1938-39 ..        | 284  | 94        | 39          | 241              | 10                 | 78        | 746              |
| 1944-45(a) ..     | 317  | 96        | 47          | 217              | 32                 | 66        | 775              |
| 1945-46(a) ..     | 264  | 70        | 44          | 158              | 26                 | 56        | (b) 618          |
| 1946-47 ..        | 283  | 72        | 46          | 234              | 17                 | 55        | (b) 707          |
| 1947-48 ..        | 293  | 64        | 46          | 216              | 14                 | 58        | (b) 692          |
| 1948-49 ..        | 287  | 59        | 43          | 167              | 11                 | 50        | (b) 617          |
| 1949-50 ..        | 258  | 58        | 40          | 215              | 12                 | 51        | (b) 635          |
| 1950-51 ..        | 259  | 57        | 46          | 242              | 12                 | 55        | (b) 671          |
| Monthly Totals.   |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                  |
| 1949-50—          |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                  |
| May ..            | 301  | 48        | 41          | 222              | 17                 | 55        | (b) 685          |
| June ..           | 225  | 75        | 39          | 268              | 16                 | 62        | (b) 685          |
| 1950-51—          |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                  |
| July ..           | 226  | 51        | 34          | 277              | 8                  | 64        | 660              |
| August ..         | 320  | 81        | 42          | 280              | 19                 | 65        | 807              |
| September ..      | 341  | 50        | 58          | 287              | 12                 | 65        | 813              |
| October ..        | 292  | 72        | 45          | 217              | 4                  | 46        | 676              |
| November ..       | 298  | 40        | 65          | 210              | 24                 | 48        | 685              |
| December ..       | 285  | 53        | 43          | 214              | 7                  | 41        | 643              |
| January ..        | 156  | 57        | 35          | 250              | 10                 | 46        | 554              |
| February ..       | 171  | 43        | 45          | 206              | 10                 | 52        | (b) 527          |
| March ..          | 219  | 49        | 27          | 249              | 13                 | 48        | 605              |
| April ..          | 263  | 56        | 58          | 212              | 9                  | 50        | 648              |
| May ..            | 296  | 64        | 54          | 285              | 5                  | 67        | 771              |
| June ..           | 244  | 72        | 45          | 222              | 16                 | 59        | 658              |
| 1951-52—          |  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                  |
| July ..           | 307  | 69        | 39          | 254              | 27                 | 31        | 727              |
| August ..         | 383  | 67        | 48          | 258              | 14                 | 64        | (b) 835          |
| September ..      | 317  | 49        | 65          | 264              | 20                 | 70        | (b) 786          |
| October ..        | 314  | 89        | 67          | 260              | 10                 | 36        | (b) 777          |
| November ..       | 334  | 62        | 70          | 253              | 21                 | 40        | 780              |
| December ..       | 247  | 56        | 49          | 257              | 5                  | 47        | (b) 661          |
| January ..        | 286  | 54        | 61          | 265              | 20                 | 58        | 744              |
| February ..       | 278  | 59        | 69          | 244              | 14                 | 57        | (b) 722          |
| March ..          | 280  | 64        | 58          | 280              | 6                  | 64        | (b) 754          |
| April ..          | 262  | 45        | 33          | 245              | 12                 | 44        | 641              |
| May p ..          | 329  | 62        | 58          | 263              | 22                 | 48        | 782              |

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

# OVERSEA SHIPPING CARGOES.

('000.)

| Period.           | Discharged.  |               |                          | Shipped.     |               |                          |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------------|
|                   | Tons Weight. | Tons Measure. | Total<br>(Tons W and M). | Tons Weight. | Tons Measure. | Total<br>(Tons W and M). |
| Monthly Averages. |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| 1936-37 .. ..     | 304          | 169           | 473                      | 419          | 78            | 497                      |
| 1937-38 .. ..     | 364          | 190           | 554                      | 478          | 91            | 569                      |
| 1938-39 .. ..     | 350          | 183           | 533                      | 428          | 91            | 519                      |
| 1944-45(a) .. ..  | 362          | 150           | 512                      | 251          | 151           | 402                      |
| 1945-46(a) .. ..  | 384          | 139           | 523                      | 202          | 121           | 323                      |
| 1946-47 .. ..     | 348          | 116           | 464                      | 259          | 112           | 371                      |
| 1947-48 .. ..     | 415          | 160           | 575                      | 374          | 104           | 478                      |
| 1948-49 .. ..     | 488          | 214           | 702                      | 452          | 114           | 566                      |
| 1949-50 .. ..     | 641          | 298           | 939                      | 422          | 116           | 538                      |
| 1950-51 .. ..     | 757          | 333           | 1,090                    | 450          | 108           | 558                      |
| Monthly Totals.   |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| 1949-50—          |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| May .. ..         | 780          | 378           | 1,158                    | 527          | 144           | 671                      |
| June .. ..        | 576          | 291           | 867                      | 377          | 117           | 494                      |
| 1950-51—          |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| July .. ..        | 777          | 342           | 1,119                    | 360          | 104           | 464                      |
| August .. ..      | 852          | 353           | 1,205                    | 479          | 95            | 574                      |
| September .. ..   | 766          | 310           | 1,076                    | 537          | 122           | 659                      |
| October .. ..     | 721          | 308           | 1,029                    | 440          | 109           | 549                      |
| November .. ..    | 725          | 315           | 1,040                    | 388          | 113           | 501                      |
| December .. ..    | 680          | 319           | 999                      | 405          | 116           | 521                      |
| January .. ..     | 868          | 400           | 1,268                    | 455          | 71            | 526                      |
| February .. ..    | 687          | 352           | 1,039                    | 417          | 74            | 491                      |
| March .. ..       | 772          | 322           | 1,094                    | 511          | 105           | 616                      |
| April .. ..       | 664          | 358           | 1,022                    | 448          | 134           | 582                      |
| May .. ..         | 809          | 312           | 1,121                    | 462          | 142           | 604                      |
| June .. ..        | 762          | 297           | 1,059                    | 505          | 112           | 617                      |
| 1951-52—          |              |               |                          |              |               |                          |
| July .. ..        | 740          | 287           | 1,027                    | 450          | 108           | 558                      |
| August .. ..      | 898          | 395           | 1,293                    | 458          | 73            | 531                      |
| September .. ..   | 818          | 437           | 1,255                    | 383          | 75            | 458                      |
| October .. ..     | 868          | 464           | 1,332                    | 414          | 102           | 516                      |
| November .. ..    | 838          | 417           | 1,255                    | 375          | 110           | 485                      |
| December .. ..    | 751          | 421           | 1,172                    | 261          | 81            | 342                      |
| January .. ..     | 906          | 530           | 1,436                    | 319          | 76            | 395                      |
| February .. ..    | 741          | 446           | 1,187                    | 376          | 76            | 452                      |
| March .. ..       | 823          | 436           | 1,259                    | 386          | 134           | 520                      |
| April .. ..       | 783          | 407           | 1,190                    | 399          | 126           | 525                      |
| May p .. ..       | 818          | 255           | 1,073                    | 345          | 130           | 475                      |

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels engaged exclusively in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

# POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

| Period.           | Receipts of P.M.G.'s<br>Department.(a) | Broadcast Listeners'<br>Licences in force at<br>end of period.(b) | Telephone Services connected at end of<br>period. |              |
|-------------------|--|---|---|--------------|
|                   |  |   | Lines.  | Instruments. |
|                   | £'000.                                 | '000.   | '000.   | '000.        |
| Monthly Averages. |  |   |   |              |
| 1936-37 .. .. .   | 1,318                                  | 938   | 440   | 595          |
| 1937-38 .. .. .   | 1,396                                  | 1,056   | 465   | 630          |
| 1938-39 .. .. .   | 1,447                                  | 1,130   | 488   | 662          |
| 1945-46 .. .. .   | 2,371                                  | (c)1,506  | 607   | 856          |
| 1946-47 .. .. .   | 2,484                                  | 1,771   | 648   | 905          |
| 1947-48 .. .. .   | 2,616                                  | 1,833   | 688   | 963          |
| 1948-49 .. .. .   | 2,776                                  | 1,919   | 734   | 1,028        |
| 1949-50 .. .. .   | 3,196                                  | 2,030   | 793   | 1,110        |
| 1950-51 .. .. .   | 3,732                                  | 2,110   | 864   | 1,209        |
| 1951-52 p .. .. . | 4,948                                  |   | 927   | 1,301        |
| Monthly Totals.   |  |   |   |              |
| 1949-50—          |  |   |   |              |
| June .. .. .      | 3,550                                  | 2,030   | 793   | 1,110        |
| 1950-51—          |  |   |   |              |
| July .. .. .      | 3,020                                  | 2,043   | 799   | 1,118        |
| August .. .. .    | 3,596                                  | 2,026   | 805   | 1,126        |
| September .. .. . | 3,276                                  | 2,029   | 810   | 1,134        |
| October .. .. .   | 3,605                                  | 2,047   | 817   | 1,143        |
| November .. .. .  | 3,563                                  | 2,057   | 823   | 1,151        |
| December .. .. .  | 3,997                                  | 2,064   | 828   | 1,158        |
| January .. .. .   | 3,574                                  | 2,068   | 833   | 1,167        |
| February .. .. .  | 3,710                                  | 2,075   | 839   | 1,174        |
| March .. .. .     | 3,695                                  | 2,075   | 844   | 1,182        |
| April .. .. .     | 4,099                                  | 2,086   | 851   | 1,191        |
| May .. .. .       | 4,361                                  | 2,092   | 858   | 1,200        |
| June .. .. .      | 4,284                                  | 2,110   | 864   | 1,209        |
| 1951-52—          |  |   |   |              |
| July .. .. .      | 4,346                                  | 2,228   | 870   | 1,218        |
| August .. .. .    | 4,555                                  | 2,246   | 877   | 1,228        |
| September .. .. . | 4,090                                  | 2,257   | 883   | 1,236        |
| October .. .. .   | 5,203                                  | 2,247   | 889   | 1,245        |
| November .. .. .  | 4,775                                  | 2,241   | 894   | 1,253        |
| December .. .. .  | 5,309                                  | (c)2,245  | 899   | 1,259        |
| January .. .. .   | 4,840                                  | 1,986   | 904   | 1,266        |
| February .. .. .  | 5,023                                  | 1,991   | 909   | 1,274        |
| March .. .. .     | 4,940                                  | 1,985   | 914   | 1,280        |
| April .. .. .     | 4,834                                  | 1,981   | 918   | 1,287        |
| May .. .. .       | 5,798                                  | 1,973   | 923   | 1,294        |
| June p .. .. .    | 5,657                                  |   | 927   | 1,301        |

(a) Actual collections. (b) Includes Papua. (c) During the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess of one are included.



**WHOLESALE TRADE.**

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degree. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustments to be made to the crude figures on this account. Monthly totals are compiled on a basis comparable with the monthly averages for preceding years.

(£ million.)

| Period.              |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |      | Net Sales Recorded under Sales Tax Acts.(a) |               |                                 |
|----------------------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|------|---|---------------|---------------------------------|
|                      |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |      | Taxable Goods.                              | Exempt Goods. | Total Taxable and Exempt Goods. |
|                      |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |      | Monthly Averages. Totals complete.          |               |                                 |
| 1936-37              | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..  | ..   | 15.4  | 21.8          | 37.2                            |
| 1937-38              | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..  | ..   | 16.9  | 23.6          | 40.5                            |
| 1938-39              | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..  | ..   | 16.4  | 23.4          | 39.8                            |
| 1944-45              | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..  | ..   | 19.3  | 33.0          | 52.3                            |
| 1945-46              | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..  | ..   | 22.3  | 33.4          | 55.7                            |
| 1946-47              | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..  | ..   | 24.6  | 42.2          | 66.8                            |
| 1947-48              | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..  | ..   | 26.2  | 53.3          | 79.5                            |
| 1948-49              | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..  | ..   | 30.3  | 63.1          | 93.4                            |
| 1949-50              | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..  | ..   | 38.0  | 72.2          | 110.2                           |
| 1950-51              | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..   | ..  | ..   | ..  | ..   | 45.6  | 94.9          | 140.5                           |
| Taxable Sales—Rates. |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |      |   |               |                                 |
|                      | 8½%  | 10% | 12½% | 20%  | 25% | 33½% | 50% | 66¾% |   |               |                                 |
|                      |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |      | Monthly Totals. Partly Estimated.           |               |                                 |
| 1950-51—             |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |      |   |               |                                 |
| January ..           | 30.4 | 4.4 | ..   | ..   | 0.8 | 2.0  | ..  | ..   | 37.6  | 82.3          | 119.9                           |
| February ..          | 35.7 | 7.0 | ..   | ..   | 0.9 | 3.0  | ..  | ..   | 46.6  | 96.8          | 143.4                           |
| March ..             | 37.6 | 6.4 | ..   | ..   | 1.0 | 2.7  | ..  | ..   | 47.7  | 103.4         | 151.1                           |
| April ..             | 38.5 | 6.0 | ..   | ..   | 1.0 | 2.8  | ..  | ..   | 48.3  | 106.4         | 154.7                           |
| May ..               | 41.3 | 6.3 | ..   | ..   | 1.2 | 2.9  | ..  | ..   | 51.7  | 107.5         | 159.2                           |
| June ..              | 39.9 | 4.1 | ..   | ..   | 1.1 | 2.4  | ..  | ..   | 47.5  | 112.5         | 160.0                           |
| 1951-52—             |      |     |      |      |     |      |     |      |   |               |                                 |
| July ..              | 41.8 | 7.5 | ..   | ..   | 1.3 | 3.2  | ..  | ..   | 53.8  | 108.3         | 162.1                           |
| August ..            | 45.7 | 7.9 | ..   | ..   | 1.4 | 4.0  | ..  | ..   | 59.0  | 113.6         | 172.6                           |
| September ..         | 46.6 | 8.8 | 2.1  | 0.8  | 1.7 | 3.3  | ..  | ..   | 63.3  | 108.8         | 172.1                           |
| October ..           | ..   | ..  | 36.7 | 8.8  | 0.2 | 3.4  | 0.6 | 0.7  | 50.1  | 117.8         | 168.0                           |
| November ..          | ..   | ..  | 39.7 | 11.3 | 0.2 | 3.7  | 0.6 | 0.8  | 56.3  | 121.1         | 177.4                           |
| December p           | ..   | ..  | 36.0 | 9.6  | 0.2 | 3.2  | 0.5 | 0.7  | 51.1  | 105.0         | 156.1                           |
| January p            | ..   | ..  | 34.4 | 8.7  | 0.2 | 2.2  | 0.5 | 0.4  | 46.4  | 103.0         | 149.4                           |

(a) The rates of tax per cent. were 5 from 22.9.38; 6 from 9.9.39; 8½ from 3.5.40; 5, 10 and 15 on different classes of goods from 22.11.40; 5, 10 and 20 from 30.10.41; 12½ and 25 from 1.5.42; 10 and 25 from 15.11.45; 8½ and 25 from 8.9.49; 8½, 10, 25 and 33½ from 13.10.50; 12½, 20, 25, 33½, 50 and 66½ from 27.9.51. From 21.7.43, rationed clothing, &c., were reduced to 7½ per cent. and was exempted from 15.11.46. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The list of exemptions was extended as from 13.12.38; 26.9.39; and restricted as from 3.6.40; 22.11.40; 30.10.41. As from 1.5.42, 3.7.43, 21.7.43, 8.9.44 there was a partial restoration of former exemptions. As from 13.9.45, 10.4.46, 15.11.46, 20.9.47, 9.9.48, 8.9.49, 13.10.50, and 27.8.51, further former exemptions were restored and additional exemptions granted.

## VALUE OF RETAIL SALES(a) : STATES.

The figures in the tables below relate to the retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, &c.) by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities.

(£ million.)

| Period.             | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Total.<br>(b). |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Quarterly Averages. |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1947-48 ..          | 96.3             | 67.6      | 32.6        | 20.1             | 16.3               | 7.5       | 240.4          |
| 1948-49 ..          | 114.6            | 80.0      | 38.6        | 24.5             | 19.8               | 8.8       | 286.3          |
| 1949-50 ..          | 133.3            | 96.9      | 45.8        | 30.3             | 24.2               | 10.3      | 340.8          |
| 1950-51 ..          | 167.2            | 118.8     | 56.5        | 37.2             | 29.7               | 12.9      | 422.3          |
| 1951-52 p ..        |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           | 482.9          |
| Quarterly Totals.   |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| 1950-51—            |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| September Qtr.      | 152.3            | 108.1     | 51.8        | 33.1             | 26.3               | 11.6      | 383.2          |
| December ..         | 171.3            | 122.6     | 58.3        | 37.6             | 30.5               | 13.3      | 433.6          |
| March ..            | 164.1            | 117.1     | 55.8        | 36.9             | 29.9               | 12.7      | 416.5          |
| June ..             | 181.2            | 127.6     | 60.2        | 41.0             | 31.9               | 14.1      | 456.0          |
| 1951-52—            |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                |
| September ..        | 182.3            | 126.8     | 62.7        | 41.0             | 32.3               | 14.4      | 459.5          |
| December ..         | 206.4            | 147.2     | 69.2        | 46.0             | 37.2               | 16.5      | 522.5          |
| March ..            | 180.7            | 132.9     | 61.4        | 44.0             | 35.3               | 15.4      | 469.7          |
| June .. p           |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           | 480.0          |

(a) Includes retail sales of Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, &c.

(b) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.

## VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a) : COMMODITY GROUPS. (£ million.)

| Period.             | Gro-<br>ceries. | Butcher's<br>Meat. | Other<br>Food.<br>(b) | Beer,<br>Wine<br>and<br>Spirits. | Clothing,<br>Drapery,<br>Piece<br>Goods<br>and Foot-<br>wear. | Hard-<br>ware. | Electri-<br>cal<br>Goods. | Furni-<br>ture. | Other<br>Goods. | Total<br>(Exclud-<br>ing<br>Motor<br>Vehicles,<br>Parts,<br>Petrol,<br>&c.) | Motor<br>Vehicles,<br>Parts,<br>Petrol,<br>&c. | Total. |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|--|--------|
| Quarterly Averages. |                 |                    |                       |                                  |   |                |                           |                 |                 |   |  |        |
| 1947-48 ..          | 41.9            | 39.4               |                       | (c)                              | 49.8  | (c)            | (c)                       | (c)             | (c)             | 211.0   | 29.4   | 240.4  |
| 1948-49 ..          | 35.9            | 16.3               | 29.1                  | 23.8                             | 59.5  | 18.1           | 8.5                       | 11.6            | 42.0            | 244.8   | 41.5   | 286.3  |
| 1949-50 ..          | 40.1            | 18.6               | 32.9                  | 26.1                             | 65.4  | 44.4           |                           |                 | 49.5            | 277.0   | 63.8   | 340.8  |
| 1950-51 ..          | 46.2            | 22.3               | 38.9                  | 30.4                             | 80.7  | 60.7           |                           |                 | 59.4            | 338.6   | 83.7   | 422.3  |
| 1951-52 p ..        | 57.5            | 28.4               | 47.3                  | 37.9                             | 85.8  | 31.9           | 16.5                      | 18.1            | 89.4            | 393.5   | 70.1   | 482.9  |
| Quarterly Totals.   |                 |                    |                       |                                  |   |                |                           |                 |                 |   |  |        |
| 1950-51—            |                 |                    |                       |                                  |   |                |                           |                 |                 |   |  |        |
| Sept. Qtr. ..       | 42.6            | 20.2               | 35.9                  | 26.7                             | 71.5  | 52.9           |                           |                 | 53.0            | 302.8   | 80.4   | 383.2  |
| Dec. ..             | 46.8            | 21.2               | 39.0                  | 32.0                             | 83.9  | 62.5           |                           |                 | 64.4            | 349.8   | 83.8   | 433.6  |
| Mar. ..             | 45.9            | 22.4               | 40.6                  | 32.1                             | 76.6  | 60.1           |                           |                 | 57.7            | 335.4   | 81.1   | 416.5  |
| June ..             | 49.4            | 25.3               | 40.3                  | 31.0                             | 90.8  | 67.3           |                           |                 | 62.5            | 366.6   | 89.4   | 456.0  |
| 1951-52—            |                 |                    |                       |                                  |   |                |                           |                 |                 |   |  |        |
| Sept. ..            | 52.5            | 26.7               | 43.3                  | 31.6                             | 81.7  | 31.1           | 17.8                      | 19.8            | 65.8            | 370.3   | 89.2   | 459.5  |
| Dec. ..             | 59.1            | 28.2               | 49.0                  | 41.1                             | 95.4  | 34.9           | 19.1                      | 19.5            | 80.2            | 426.5   | 96.0   | 522.5  |
| Mar. ..             | 57.2            | 28.7               | 48.7                  | 40.3                             | 75.8  | 30.8           | 15.3                      | 16.4            | 67.5            | 380.7   | 89.0   | 469.7  |
| June .. p           | 61.3            | 30.0               | 48.2                  | 38.8                             | 90.2  | 31.0           | 13.9                      | 16.6            | 83.2            | 396.8   | 66.8   | 480.0  |

(a) Excluding Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory.  
Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, &c., but excludes most delivered Bread and delivered Milk.

(b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks,  
(c) Comparable commodity

# PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

| Period.                     | Deposits.(b)         |                             |         | Advances. | Govern-<br>ment and<br>Municipal<br>Securities.<br>(c) | Special<br>Accounts<br>with Com-<br>monwealth<br>Bank. | Cash. | Treasury<br>Bills. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|--|--|-------|--------------------|
|                             | Bearing<br>Interest. | Not<br>Bearing<br>Interest. | Total.  |           |  |  |       |                    |
| Averages of Weekly Figures. |                      |                             |         |           |  |  |       |                    |
| 1936-37 .. ..               | 184.7                | 112.9                       | 297.6   | 262.5     | 15.0   | ..   | 34.2  | 24.5               |
| 1937-38 .. ..               | 194.8                | 120.0                       | 314.8   | 274.4     | 21.4   | ..   | 37.1  | 20.7               |
| 1938-39 .. ..               | 198.8                | 118.9                       | 317.7   | 288.1     | 20.5   | ..   | 33.6  | 21.5               |
| 1945-46 .. ..               | 220.4                | 386.0                       | 606.4   | (d) 212.2 | 115.3  | 238.1  | 38.5  | 59.8               |
| 1946-47 .. ..               | 206.9                | 429.7                       | 636.6   | 261.1     | 95.0   | 265.0  | 37.9  | 25.8               |
| 1947-48 .. ..               | 201.9                | 471.6                       | 673.5   | 329.9     | 65.6   | 262.3  | 44.4  | 18.1               |
| 1948-49 .. ..               | 211.3                | 565.1                       | 776.4   | 368.6     | 61.5   | 322.7  | 48.0  | 22.1               |
| 1949-50 .. ..               | 224.5                | 685.6                       | 910.1   | 403.9     | 83.8   | 377.0  | 52.0  | 26.5               |
| 1950-51 .. ..               | 247.7                | 896.5                       | 1,144.2 | 479.3     | 90.2   | 500.3  | 59.3  | 36.9               |
| 1951-52 .. ..               | 238.2                | 963.5                       | 1,201.7 | 621.4     | 68.4   | 466.0  | 60.6  | 32.4               |
| 1949-50—<br>June .. ..      | 239.4                | 765.5                       | 1,004.9 | 427.2     | 96.5   | 442.8  | 51.1  | 20.3               |
| 1950-51—<br>July .. ..      | 244.5                | 753.3                       | 997.8   | 440.5     | 98.6   | 430.1  | 49.5  | 22.9               |
| August .. ..                | 244.3                | 739.1                       | 983.4   | 444.1     | 96.5   | 441.5  | 51.6  | 16.1               |
| September ..                | 244.0                | 758.3                       | 1,002.3 | 449.2     | 92.9   | 448.5  | 60.0  | 18.5               |
| October .. ..               | 248.7                | 808.4                       | 1,057.1 | 465.0     | 84.6   | 458.8  | 58.1  | 29.6               |
| November ..                 | 250.0                | 846.5                       | 1,096.5 | 476.5     | 80.7   | 480.3  | 57.0  | 33.6               |
| December(e) ..              | 247.1                | 886.4                       | 1,133.5 | 490.5     | 83.7   | 486.0  | 62.1  | 36.8               |
| January .. ..               | 249.2                | 909.9                       | 1,159.1 | 482.0     | 85.9   | 498.5  | 64.8  | 41.8               |
| February .. ..              | 247.3                | 950.9                       | 1,198.2 | 495.3     | 92.4   | 523.1  | 60.8  | 42.3               |
| March .. ..                 | 246.2                | 1,038.9                     | 1,285.1 | 507.2     | 92.6   | 532.5  | 70.7  | 57.8               |
| April .. ..                 | 248.1                | 1,048.9                     | 1,297.0 | 502.3     | 88.1   | 557.5  | 69.3  | 57.0               |
| May .. ..                   | 251.9                | 1,039.9                     | 1,291.8 | 496.9     | 93.4   | 575.5  | 59.5  | 54.3               |
| June .. ..                  | 250.1                | 987.6                       | 1,237.7 | 509.5     | 93.0   | 569.6  | 50.5  | 32.8               |
| 1951-52—<br>July .. ..      | 252.1                | 952.2                       | 1,204.3 | 527.6     | 91.1   | 537.8  | 55.1  | 24.8               |
| August .. ..                | 249.3                | 941.3                       | 1,190.6 | 541.6     | 81.5   | 523.0  | 56.3  | 35.5               |
| September ..                | 247.4                | 929.9                       | 1,177.3 | 568.5     | 75.8   | 519.1  | 54.5  | 33.5               |
| October .. ..               | 242.2                | 937.0                       | 1,179.2 | 593.8     | 68.2   | 509.8  | 56.1  | 23.5               |
| November ..                 | 240.2                | 950.5                       | 1,190.7 | 620.7     | 63.2   | 494.5  | 61.9  | 19.3               |
| December (e) ..             | 240.2                | 1,002.2                     | 1,242.4 | 624.8     | 61.9   | 483.9  | 69.2  | 36.0               |
| January .. ..               | 236.9                | 981.4                       | 1,218.3 | 638.6     | 59.0   | 483.6  | 67.7  | 33.6               |
| February .. ..              | 236.5                | 992.0                       | 1,228.5 | 654.6     | 62.0   | 458.5  | 64.4  | 31.3               |
| March .. ..                 | 234.9                | 1,006.4                     | 1,241.3 | 664.1     | 67.6   | 436.5  | 64.4  | 37.9               |
| April .. ..                 | 232.2                | 1,014.4                     | 1,246.6 | 667.9     | 64.1   | 427.5  | 64.2  | 39.7               |
| May .. ..                   | 224.8                | 957.2                       | 1,182.0 | 675.6     | 62.5   | 398.9  | 53.7  | 38.5               |
| June .. ..                  | 220.5                | 902.4                       | 1,122.9 | 691.2     | 62.6   | 303.3  | 61.2  | 35.8               |

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. These have been reduced to seven by amalgamations. Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., National Bank of Australasia Ltd., and Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Excludes inscribed deposit stock. (c) Excludes Treasury Bills. (d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets. (e) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.

# PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)—continued.

## RATIOS OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS (b) WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

| Period.                     | Percentages of various categories of assets to total deposits. |                        |           |   |  | Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits. |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------------|-----------|---|--|--|
|                             | Cash in Australia.   | Cash + Treasury Bills. | Advances. | Advances + Government and Municipal Securities in Australia.(c) | Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank. |  |
| Averages of Weekly Figures. |  |                        |           |   |  |  |
| 1936-37 .. ..               | 11.49  | 19.73                  | 88.20     | 93.26   | ..                                       | 37.93  |
| 1937-38 .. ..               | 11.79  | 18.37                  | 87.15     | 93.95   | ..                                       | 38.13  |
| 1938-39 .. ..               | 10.58  | 17.36                  | 90.70     | 97.15   | ..                                       | 37.42  |
| 1945-46 .. ..               | 6.34   | 16.20                  | (d)34.99  | (d)54.00  | 39.27                                    | 63.65  |
| 1946-47 .. ..               | 5.96   | 10.02                  | 41.02     | 55.95   | 41.63                                    | 67.51  |
| 1947-48 .. ..               | 6.59   | 9.28                   | 48.98     | 58.72   | 38.94                                    | 70.02  |
| 1948-49 .. ..               | 6.18   | 9.03                   | 47.47     | 55.39   | 41.56                                    | 72.79  |
| 1949-50 .. ..               | 5.71   | 8.62                   | 44.35     | 53.55   | 41.40                                    | 75.28  |
| 1950-51 .. ..               | 5.19   | 8.41                   | 41.89     | 49.69   | 43.73                                    | 78.35  |
| 1951-52 .. ..               | 5.04   | 7.74                   | 51.71     | 57.40   | 38.78                                    | 80.18  |
| 1949-50—<br>June .. ..      | 5.08   | 7.10                   | 42.51     | 52.11   | 44.07                                    | 76.17  |
| 1950-51—<br>July .. ..      | 4.96   | 7.25                   | 44.15     | 54.03   | 43.10                                    | 75.49  |
| August .. ..                | 5.25   | 6.88                   | 45.16     | 54.97   | 44.89                                    | 75.16  |
| September .. ..             | 5.99   | 7.84                   | 44.81     | 54.08   | 44.74                                    | 75.66  |
| October .. ..               | 5.50   | 8.30                   | 43.99     | 51.99   | 43.40                                    | 76.47  |
| November .. ..              | 5.20   | 8.26                   | 43.46     | 50.82   | 43.80                                    | 77.20  |
| December(e) .. ..           | 5.48   | 8.72                   | 43.25     | 50.63   | 42.87                                    | 78.20  |
| January .. ..               | 5.58   | 9.18                   | 41.59     | 49.00   | 43.01                                    | 78.50  |
| February .. ..              | 5.07   | 8.60                   | 41.34     | 49.06   | 43.66                                    | 79.36  |
| March .. ..                 | 5.50   | 9.99                   | 39.47     | 46.67   | 41.43                                    | 80.84  |
| April .. ..                 | 5.34   | 9.73                   | 38.73     | 45.52   | 42.98                                    | 80.87  |
| May .. ..                   | 4.60   | 8.80                   | 38.47     | 45.70   | 44.55                                    | 80.50  |
| June .. ..                  | 4.08   | 6.73                   | 41.16     | 48.67   | 46.02                                    | 79.79  |
| 1951-52—<br>July .. ..      | 4.58   | 6.64                   | 43.81     | 51.38   | 44.65                                    | 79.07  |
| August .. ..                | 4.73   | 7.71                   | 45.49     | 52.34   | 43.93                                    | 79.06  |
| September .. ..             | 4.63   | 7.48                   | 48.29     | 54.73   | 44.09                                    | 78.98  |
| October .. ..               | 4.76   | 6.75                   | 50.36     | 56.14   | 43.24                                    | 79.46  |
| November .. ..              | 5.20   | 6.82                   | 52.13     | 57.44   | 41.53                                    | 79.83  |
| December (e) .. ..          | 5.57   | 8.47                   | 50.29     | 55.28   | 38.95                                    | 80.67  |
| January .. ..               | 5.23   | 7.99                   | 52.42     | 57.26   | 39.70                                    | 80.55  |
| February .. ..              | 5.24   | 7.78                   | 53.28     | 58.33   | 37.32                                    | 80.75  |
| March .. ..                 | 5.18   | 8.23                   | 53.50     | 58.94   | 35.16                                    | 81.08  |
| April .. ..                 | 5.15   | 8.33                   | 53.58     | 58.72   | 34.29                                    | 81.37  |
| May .. ..                   | 4.54   | 7.80                   | 57.16     | 62.45   | 33.75                                    | 80.98  |
| June .. ..                  | 5.45   | 8.63                   | 61.56     | 67.14   | 27.01                                    | 80.36  |

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.

(b) Deposits exclude inscribed deposit stock.

(c) Excludes Treasury Bills.

(d) Figures for this and following periods are not strictly comparable with those for previous periods owing to exclusion from advances of bills receivable and minor miscellaneous assets.

(e) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.

# COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

(General Banking Division and Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments.)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£ million.)

| Period.                     | Deposits.            |                          |        | Advances. | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth<br>Bank. | Treasury<br>Bills. | Other<br>Australian<br>Government<br>and<br>Municipal<br>Securities. |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------|-----------|---|--------------------|--|
|                             | Bearing<br>Interest. | Not Bearing<br>Interest. | Total. |           |   |                    |  |
| Averages of Weekly Figures. |                      |                          |        |           |   |                    |  |
| 1945-46(b) .. ..            | 21.1                 | 35.8                     | 56.9   | 20.5      | 7.4   | 5.4                | 35.2   |
| 1946-47 .. ..               | 17.6                 | 41.4                     | 59.0   | 25.7      | 7.2   | 3.1                | 36.5   |
| 1947-48 .. ..               | 13.9                 | 44.5                     | 58.4   | 33.3      | 7.4   | 1.2                | 32.7   |
| 1948-49 .. ..               | 13.2                 | 52.4                     | 65.6   | 49.2      | 6.9   | 0.5                | 34.5   |
| 1949-50 .. ..               | 14.8                 | 72.3                     | 87.1   | 81.7      | 14.0  | 2.0                | 35.4   |
| 1950-51 .. ..               | 19.4                 | 93.6                     | 113.0  | 102.4     | 8.4   | 24.1               | 27.1   |
| 1951-52 .. ..               | 20.1                 | 98.5                     | 118.6  | 124.6     | 10.8  | 26.5               | 13.7   |
| 1949-50—<br>June .. ..      | 16.3                 | 71.5                     | 87.8   | 95.7      | 4.9   | 6.5                | 29.8   |
| 1950-51—<br>July .. ..      | 16.8                 | 72.2                     | 89.0   | 94.3      | 5.9   | 6.5                | 26.8   |
| August .. ..                | 17.8                 | 74.9                     | 92.7   | 91.6      | 5.5   | 5.7                | 30.4   |
| September .. ..             | 17.6                 | 82.7                     | 100.3  | 96.2      | 8.0   | 11.3               | 32.1   |
| October .. ..               | 18.0                 | 87.4                     | 105.4  | 95.5      | 5.9   | 14.3               | 32.6   |
| November .. ..              | 18.5                 | 95.4                     | 113.9  | 91.1      | 10.6  | 15.6               | 35.6   |
| December(c) .. ..           | 18.5                 | 102.3                    | 120.8  | 93.0      | 13.7  | 20.3               | 33.6   |
| January .. ..               | 18.2                 | 88.0                     | 106.2  | 98.8      | 6.9   | 19.4               | 27.8   |
| February .. ..              | 18.1                 | 97.2                     | 115.3  | 103.6     | 11.2  | 23.3               | 26.6   |
| March .. ..                 | 18.3                 | 111.5                    | 129.8  | 114.0     | 14.4  | 38.5               | 25.1   |
| April .. ..                 | 24.2                 | 107.0                    | 131.2  | 116.9     | 7.6   | 51.5               | 19.4   |
| May .. ..                   | 24.0                 | 106.5                    | 130.5  | 121.9     | 6.4   | 47.5               | 19.5   |
| June .. ..                  | 22.3                 | 102.8                    | 125.1  | 111.5     | 7.1   | 36.9               | 16.2   |
| 1951-52—<br>July .. ..      | 22.7                 | 96.0                     | 118.7  | 106.9     | 6.1   | 34.5               | 14.2   |
| August .. ..                | 22.5                 | 92.8                     | 115.3  | 105.6     | 7.4   | 32.5               | 10.8   |
| September .. ..             | 20.8                 | 93.5                     | 114.3  | 104.5     | 9.8   | 30.5               | 9.4  |
| October .. ..               | 20.5                 | 100.5                    | 121.0  | 106.5     | 15.6  | 29.1               | 10.8   |
| November .. ..              | 20.2                 | 107.2                    | 127.4  | 110.8     | 20.4  | 26.2               | 11.4   |
| December (c) .. ..          | 18.9                 | 120.9                    | 139.8  | 112.6     | 29.0  | 27.5               | 11.2   |
| January .. ..               | 17.9                 | 100.1                    | 118.0  | 116.6     | 11.5  | 23.0               | 11.2   |
| February .. ..              | 18.8                 | 96.2                     | 115.0  | 133.6     | 6.6   | 24.1               | 11.2   |
| March .. ..                 | 19.4                 | 96.6                     | 116.0  | 154.2     | 6.1   | 23.6               | 13.6   |
| April .. ..                 | 19.8                 | 96.8                     | 116.6  | 158.9     | 7.2   | 22.5               | 18.0   |
| May .. ..                   | 19.3                 | 94.2                     | 113.5  | 146.4     | 6.3   | 21.0               | 21.3   |
| June .. ..                  | 19.8                 | 94.5                     | 114.3  | 138.5     | 7.8   | 23.0               | 22.2   |

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.

# COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS.

(Includes Note Issue Department.)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.(a)

(£A million.)

| Period.                     | Notes on Issue.   |                    |        | Special<br>Accounts<br>of<br>Trading<br>Banks. | Other<br>Deposits<br>of<br>Trading<br>Banks. | Other<br>Liabilities<br>(excluding<br>Capital and<br>Reserves). | Gold and<br>Balances<br>held<br>Abroad. | Government<br>and Other<br>Securities<br>(including<br>Treasury<br>Bills). |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--|--|---|---|--|
|                             | Held by<br>Banks. | Held by<br>Public. | Total. |  |  |   |   |  |
| Averages of Weekly Figures. |                   |                    |        |  |  |   |   |  |
| 1945-46(b)                  | 16.9              | 176.9              | 193.8  | 241.8  | 26.9   | 144.4   | 181.6                                   | 418.3  |
| 1946-47 ..                  | 18.7              | 180.7              | 199.4  | 267.0  | 24.1   | 122.1   | 217.6                                   | 392.2  |
| 1947-48 ..                  | 22.2              | 175.9              | 198.1  | 263.7  | 28.0   | 142.0   | 196.7                                   | 419.9  |
| 1948-49 ..                  | 24.9              | 178.7              | 203.6  | 323.9  | 29.8   | 174.6   | 336.2                                   | 356.3  |
| 1949-50 ..                  | 27.9              | 194.3              | 222.2  | 379.6  | 30.7   | 200.3   | 434.0                                   | 349.0  |
| 1950-51 ..                  | 32.7              | 219.1              | 251.8  | 503.2  | 34.7   | 238.2   | 596.3                                   | 366.6  |
| 1951-52 ..                  | 38.1              | 255.5              | 293.6  | 468.8  | 31.1   | 270.9   | 470.6                                   | 503.1  |
| 1949-50—<br>June ..         | 28.7              | 201.9              | 230.6  | 447.8  | 28.7   | 206.5   | 503.2                                   | 341.7  |
| 1950-51—<br>July ..         | 28.7              | 203.5              | 232.2  | 434.3  | 26.2   | 213.6   | 534.2                                   | 324.6  |
| August ..                   | 29.5              | 204.9              | 234.4  | 445.2  | 27.8   | 201.2   | 534.0                                   | 322.9  |
| September ..                | 29.2              | 206.9              | 236.1  | 452.2  | 37.3   | 204.7   | 532.4                                   | 337.8  |
| October ..                  | 30.2              | 208.4              | 238.6  | 462.5  | 35.3   | 221.0   | 543.0                                   | 362.4  |
| November ..                 | 30.7              | 210.5              | 241.2  | 483.4  | 33.9   | 220.1   | 559.2                                   | 365.9  |
| December ..                 | (c) 35.7          | (c) 222.8          | 258.5  | 488.2  | 36.5   | 220.8   | 563.2                                   | 376.4  |
| January ..                  | 36.0              | 219.1              | 255.1  | 501.5  | 36.6   | 235.0   | 567.0                                   | 400.7  |
| February ..                 | 32.7              | 220.4              | 253.1  | 526.0  | 35.6   | 238.0   | 591.6                                   | 389.0  |
| March ..                    | 35.1              | 229.4              | 264.5  | 535.4  | 46.7   | 270.7   | 640.6                                   | 407.6  |
| April ..                    | 35.1              | 231.0              | 266.1  | 560.4  | 44.2   | 281.4   | 676.4                                   | 398.2  |
| May ..                      | 34.9              | 234.6              | 269.5  | 578.4  | 34.5   | 278.3   | 701.2                                   | 368.6  |
| June ..                     | 35.0              | 238.6              | 273.6  | 572.6  | 23.3   | 278.5   | 718.2                                   | 346.9  |
| 1951-52—<br>July ..         | 34.9              | 241.4              | 276.3  | 540.8  | 29.5   | 287.3   | 712.6                                   | 345.2  |
| August ..                   | 35.3              | 244.6              | 279.9  | 526.0  | 30.0   | 281.3   | 696.5                                   | 351.7  |
| September ..                | 35.7              | 248.0              | 283.7  | 522.1  | 26.9   | 274.3   | 665.8                                   | 372.8  |
| October ..                  | 37.4              | 249.6              | 287.0  | 512.8  | 26.5   | 277.8   | 615.5                                   | 412.4  |
| November ..                 | 37.3              | 252.8              | 290.1  | 497.4  | 32.3   | 287.1   | 512.5                                   | 513.7  |
| December ..                 | (c) 43.3          | (c) 264.6          | 307.9  | 484.0  | 35.9   | 275.0   | 446.6                                   | 581.0  |
| January ..                  | 43.5              | 257.9              | 301.4  | (d)486.0                                       | 33.4   | 267.4   | 386.3                                   | 615.9  |
| February ..                 | 38.2              | 256.6              | 294.8  | (d)461.0                                       | 36.2   | 259.9   | 335.8                                   | 627.5  |
| March ..                    | 36.9              | 259.9              | 296.8  | (d)438.9                                       | 36.4   | 264.0   | 316.6                                   | 613.1  |
| April ..                    | 38.4              | 265.0              | 303.4  | (d)430.0                                       | 33.9   | 260.1   | 313.1                                   | 585.4  |
| May ..                      | 38.1              | 262.9              | 301.0  | (d)401.8                                       | 22.3   | 256.0   | 311.0                                   | 541.3  |
| June ..                     | 37.5              | 264.5              | 302.0  | (d)305.0                                       | 30.1   | 260.2   | 303.2                                   | 488.8  |

(a) Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays of period until December, 1946; thereafter on Wednesdays of period. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) Dissection made on proportion indicated by the returns for first three Wednesdays. (d) Special accounts of Trading Banks on last Wednesday of month were:—January, 1952, £488.6 million; February, 1952, £455.3 million; March, 1952, £434.2 million; April, 1952, £432.2 million; May, 1952, £370.7 million and June, 1952, £258.0 million.

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (a)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(b)

(£ million.)

| Period.                     |    |    | Deposits.            |                          |         | Advances. | Coin,<br>Bullion,<br>Notes and<br>Cash with<br>Common-<br>wealth<br>Bank. | Treasury<br>Bills. | Other<br>Australian<br>Government<br>and<br>Municipal<br>Securities. |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------|---|--------------------|--|
|                             |    |    | Bearing<br>Interest. | Not Bearing<br>Interest. | Total.  |           |   |                    |  |
| Averages of Weekly Figures. |    |    |                      |                          |         |           |   |                    |  |
| 1945-46(c)                  | .. | .. | 245.8                | 437.1                    | 682.9   | 249.4     | 48.4  | 68.4               | 160.3  |
| 1946-47                     | .. | .. | 229.5                | 481.1                    | 710.6   | 309.7     | 47.6  | 29.7               | 140.0  |
| 1947-48(d)                  | .. | .. | 221.2                | 528.7                    | 749.9   | 394.7     | 54.9  | 20.1               | 108.8  |
| 1948-49                     | .. | .. | 231.8                | 635.9                    | 867.7   | 457.6     | 59.1  | 24.4               | 109.6  |
| 1949-50                     | .. | .. | 249.3                | 781.0                    | 1,030.3 | 531.8     | 70.0  | 29.5               | 132.3  |
| 1950-51                     | .. | .. | 279.6                | 1,022.0                  | 1,301.6 | 638.4     | 72.6  | 64.1               | 129.7  |
| 1951-52                     | .. | .. | 271.7                | 1,099.5                  | 1,371.2 | 807.9     | 76.4  | 61.8               | 97.0   |
|                             |    |    |                      |                          |         |           |   |                    |  |
| 1949-50—                    |    |    |                      |                          |         |           |   |                    |  |
| June                        | .. | .. | 270.0                | 861.9                    | 1,131.9 | 574.2     | 59.4  | 27.9               | 139.0  |
|                             |    |    |                      |                          |         |           |   |                    |  |
| 1950-51—                    |    |    |                      |                          |         |           |   |                    |  |
| July                        | .. | .. | 273.3                | 850.7                    | 1,124.0 | 588.9     | 58.3  | 30.4               | 136.6  |
| August                      | .. | .. | 273.1                | 839.5                    | 1,112.6 | 590.1     | 59.7  | 22.7               | 137.8  |
| September                   | .. | .. | 273.0                | 868.4                    | 1,141.4 | 600.2     | 71.9  | 30.7               | 135.8  |
| October                     | .. | .. | 278.6                | 923.4                    | 1,202.0 | 616.7     | 68.5  | 44.9               | 127.9  |
| November                    | .. | .. | 280.9                | 969.5                    | 1,250.4 | 625.0     | 72.4  | 50.0               | 127.1  |
| December(e)                 | .. | .. | 278.1                | 1,018.2                  | 1,296.3 | 641.4     | 80.3  | 58.6               | 128.7  |
| January                     | .. | .. | 279.7                | 1,029.5                  | 1,309.2 | 637.5     | 76.3  | 64.1               | 126.0  |
| February                    | .. | .. | 278.2                | 1,081.6                  | 1,359.8 | 656.6     | 77.4  | 69.2               | 132.0  |
| March                       | .. | .. | 277.5                | 1,189.6                  | 1,467.1 | 679.1     | 92.0  | 102.0              | 131.2  |
| April                       | .. | .. | 285.5                | 1,196.1                  | 1,481.6 | 677.1     | 83.6  | 115.2              | 121.5  |
| May                         | .. | .. | 289.7                | 1,185.7                  | 1,475.4 | 676.0     | 72.4  | 108.8              | 127.7  |
| June                        | .. | .. | 285.5                | 1,127.3                  | 1,412.8 | 678.4     | 62.6  | 74.1               | 124.1  |
|                             |    |    |                      |                          |         |           |   |                    |  |
| 1951-52—                    |    |    |                      |                          |         |           |   |                    |  |
| July                        | .. | .. | 287.4                | 1,084.5                  | 1,371.9 | 692.5     | 66.8  | 61.2               | 120.4  |
| August                      | .. | .. | 284.1                | 1,070.1                  | 1,354.2 | 705.6     | 69.0  | 69.8               | 107.5  |
| September                   | .. | .. | 280.6                | 1,058.3                  | 1,338.9 | 732.1     | 68.9  | 65.8               | 100.4  |
| October                     | .. | .. | 275.4                | 1,071.7                  | 1,347.1 | 760.7     | 75.5  | 54.4               | 94.1   |
| November                    | .. | .. | 272.5                | 1,092.2                  | 1,364.7 | 792.3     | 86.9  | 47.2               | 89.5   |
| December (e)                | .. | .. | 271.1                | 1,159.3                  | 1,430.4 | 798.8     | 103.2   | 65.5               | 87.9   |
| January                     | .. | .. | 266.8                | 1,120.5                  | 1,387.3 | 817.7     | 85.1  | 60.0               | 85.0   |
| February                    | .. | .. | 267.2                | 1,131.3                  | 1,398.5 | 851.1     | 77.5  | 60.1               | 87.9   |
| March                       | .. | .. | 267.7                | 1,146.3                  | 1,414.0 | 881.8     | 76.7  | 67.7               | 95.9   |
| April                       | .. | .. | 268.8                | 1,151.2                  | 1,420.0 | 891.4     | 77.1  | 67.8               | 96.8   |
| May                         | .. | .. | 260.2                | 1,088.5                  | 1,348.7 | 887.1     | 64.6  | 62.3               | 98.5   |
| June                        | .. | .. | 255.9                | 1,031.5                  | 1,287.4 | 895.2     | 72.7  | 59.4               | 99.5   |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the *Banking Act 1945*. Includes General Banking Division and the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, the Rural Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See footnote (a), page 48. (c) Ten months ended June, 1946. (d) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales has been included. The General Bank Department includes the Rural Bank, Advances for Homes, Personal Loans and General Bank Divisions. (e) Averages based on first three Wednesdays only.



# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

## DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

| Period.                     | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Australian Capital Territory. | Total.    |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Averages of Weekly Figures. |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| 1945-46(b) ..               | 46.7             | 43.5      | 14.7        | 8.7              | 5.8                | 2.9       | 0.1                           | 122.4     |
| 1946-47 ..                  | 58.1             | 52.9      | 16.8        | 10.5             | (c) 7.1            | 3.4       | 0.1                           | (c) 148.9 |
| 1947-48(e) ..               | (d) 69.4         | 61.2      | 19.9        | 12.7             | 8.7                | 3.9       | 0.1                           | (d) 175.9 |
| 1948-49 ..                  | 83.1             | 74.3      | 24.3        | 15.5             | 10.7               | 4.7       | 0.2                           | 212.8     |
| 1949-50 ..                  | 104.9            | 97.8      | 29.5        | 19.3             | 13.7               | 5.6       | 0.3                           | 271.1     |
| 1950-51 ..                  | 145.1            | 134.9     | 39.0        | 26.8             | 19.3               | 7.4       | 0.4                           | 372.9     |
| 1951-52 ..                  | 156.6            | 142.3     | 41.5        | 30.8             | 21.8               | 8.9       | 0.5                           | 402.4     |
| 1949-50—                    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| June ..                     | 121.2            | 110.0     | 34.6        | 21.1             | 13.9               | 6.7       | 0.3                           | 307.8     |
| 1950-51—                    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| July ..                     | 121.3            | 115.7     | 36.5        | 22.7             | 15.1               | 6.9       | 0.3                           | 318.5     |
| August ..                   | 109.2            | 102.5     | 30.4        | 20.3             | 13.7               | 6.3       | 0.3                           | 282.7     |
| September ..                | 126.3            | 109.7     | 34.0        | 23.5             | 17.4               | 6.3       | 0.3                           | 317.5     |
| October ..                  | 135.5            | 129.5     | 38.7        | 24.7             | 17.8               | 6.5       | 0.4                           | 353.1     |
| November ..                 | 147.9            | 132.3     | 40.6        | 24.9             | 19.0               | 6.4       | 0.4                           | 371.5     |
| December ..                 | 158.0            | 141.0     | 40.9        | 28.3             | 20.5               | 6.8       | 0.3                           | 395.8     |
| January ..                  | 131.6            | 125.7     | 35.1        | 25.2             | 21.9               | 6.4       | 0.4                           | 346.3     |
| February ..                 | 161.1            | 149.0     | 38.7        | 30.4             | 22.6               | 8.5       | 0.4                           | 410.7     |
| March ..                    | 160.0            | 143.5     | 40.6        | 32.8             | 20.6               | 8.6       | 0.4                           | 406.5     |
| April ..                    | 161.1            | 169.9     | 44.6        | 30.2             | 25.0               | 8.5       | 0.4                           | 439.7     |
| May ..                      | 167.3            | 156.6     | 44.5        | 30.3             | 19.6               | 8.6       | 0.4                           | 427.3     |
| June ..                     | 168.2            | 149.3     | 45.0        | 30.5             | 18.7               | 8.9       | 0.4                           | 421.0     |
| 1951-52—                    |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |                               |           |
| July ..                     | 159.4            | 148.3     | 45.5        | 30.3             | 20.3               | 9.2       | 0.5                           | 413.5     |
| August ..                   | 141.8            | 128.2     | 38.6        | 25.6             | 19.1               | 7.9       | 0.4                           | 361.6     |
| September ..                | 153.0            | 130.8     | 40.6        | 27.3             | 18.9               | 8.3       | 0.4                           | 379.3     |
| October ..                  | 162.9            | 150.0     | 46.0        | 31.5             | 21.8               | 8.2       | 0.5                           | 420.9     |
| November ..                 | 170.5            | 148.8     | 42.2        | 30.5             | 21.4               | 8.4       | 0.4                           | 422.2     |
| December ..                 | 175.9            | 157.4     | 46.5        | 35.4             | 23.5               | 9.6       | 0.5                           | 448.8     |
| January ..                  | 146.2            | 133.3     | 36.5        | 27.2             | 24.5               | 7.4       | 0.4                           | 375.5     |
| February ..                 | 155.3            | 153.4     | 38.4        | 33.9             | 24.3               | 9.0       | 0.4                           | 414.7     |
| March ..                    | 152.1            | 142.2     | 39.1        | 34.3             | 22.3               | 10.2      | 0.5                           | 400.7     |
| April ..                    | 153.3            | 142.7     | 40.5        | 32.2             | 22.5               | 9.5       | 0.5                           | 401.2     |
| May ..                      | 155.9            | 141.7     | 40.9        | 32.1             | 22.6               | 9.5       | 0.5                           | 403.2     |
| June ..                     | 158.4            | 135.4     | 44.6        | 30.7             | 20.5               | 9.6       | 0.5                           | 399.7     |

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Monday in period to December, 1946; thereafter averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946.

(c) Includes Rural Department of Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia for July, 1946, and following months. (d) See footnote (d) on previous page.

(e) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from the Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded from January, 1948.

# SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS AND SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

(£ million.)

| At end of— | Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks. |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            | War Savings and Savings Certificates—Net Amount Outstanding. |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--|
|            | New South Wales.                     | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. | Northern Territory. | Australian Capital Territory. | Australia. |  |
| 1936-37 .. | 82.0                                 | 75.7      | 27.3        | 26.5             | 11.8               | 7.2       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 230.9      | ..   |
| 1937-38 .. | 86.0                                 | 78.9      | 28.2        | 27.2             | 12.0               | 7.7       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 240.4      | ..   |
| 1938-39 .. | 87.5                                 | 80.5      | 29.0        | 27.4             | 12.4               | 8.4       | 0.1                 | 0.3                           | 245.6      | ..   |
| 1945-46 .. | 236.2                                | 211.3     | 90.1        | 65.9             | 38.3               | 20.4      | 0.4                 | 1.0                           | 663.6      | 54.7   |
| 1946-47 .. | 231.4                                | 216.1     | 85.6        | 67.9             | 36.6               | 20.9      | 0.5                 | 1.0                           | 660.0      | 59.5   |
| 1947-48 .. | 237.0                                | 226.4     | 84.8        | 73.6             | 36.2               | 21.6      | 0.6                 | 1.1                           | 681.3      | 64.5   |
| 1948-49 .. | 244.5                                | 239.3     | 87.4        | 81.2             | 37.5               | 22.4      | 0.7                 | 1.2                           | 714.2      | 62.2   |
| 1949-50 .. | 258.9                                | 257.1     | 92.2        | 87.7             | 39.6               | 24.3      | 0.9                 | 1.4                           | 762.1      | 55.0   |
| 1950-51 .. | 284.5                                | 281.8     | 98.8        | 97.8             | 44.7               | 27.1      | 1.0                 | 1.7                           | 837.4      | 48.1   |
| 1951-52 .. | 304.5                                | 300.8     | 102.7       | 103.7            | 47.2               | 30.1      | 1.1                 | 1.8                           | 891.9      | 41.8   |
| 1949-50—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |  |
| June ..    | 258.9                                | 257.1     | 92.2        | 87.7             | 39.6               | 24.3      | 0.9                 | 1.4                           | (b) 762.1  | 55.0   |
| 1950-51—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |  |
| July ..    | 260.0                                | 256.9     | 92.4        | 88.1             | 39.7               | 24.4      | 0.9                 | 1.5                           | 763.9      | 54.5   |
| August ..  | 259.0                                | 256.4     | 92.5        | 87.9             | 39.6               | 24.6      | 0.9                 | 1.5                           | 762.4      | 53.9   |
| September  | 259.7                                | 258.0     | 93.2        | 88.5             | 40.0               | 24.7      | 0.9                 | 1.5                           | 766.5      | 53.3   |
| October    | 259.3                                | 258.3     | 93.4        | 88.6             | 40.0               | 24.6      | 0.9                 | 1.5                           | 766.6      | 52.7   |
| November   | 259.0                                | 258.5     | 93.4        | 88.9             | 39.9               | 24.5      | 0.9                 | 1.6                           | 766.7      | 52.1   |
| December   | 260.1                                | 259.3     | 93.8        | 89.3             | 39.8               | 24.5      | 0.9                 | 1.5                           | 769.2      | 51.4   |
| January..  | 261.7                                | 260.9     | 93.8        | 90.2             | 40.0               | 24.7      | 0.9                 | 1.5                           | 773.7      | 50.9   |
| February   | 264.4                                | 262.2     | 94.2        | 91.3             | 40.5               | 25.2      | 0.9                 | 1.5                           | 780.2      | 50.3   |
| March ..   | 278.7                                | 273.6     | 98.4        | 95.0             | 43.3               | 26.3      | 0.9                 | 1.6                           | 817.8      | 49.7   |
| April ..   | 279.4                                | 274.8     | 98.2        | 95.5             | 43.6               | 26.5      | 0.9                 | 1.7                           | 820.6      | 49.2   |
| May ..     | 279.8                                | 277.0     | 98.6        | 95.8             | 43.9               | 26.7      | 0.9                 | 1.7                           | 824.4      | 48.7   |
| June ..    | 284.5                                | 281.8     | 98.8        | 97.8             | 44.7               | 27.1      | 1.0                 | 1.7                           | (b) 837.4  | 48.1   |
| 1951-52—   |                                      |           |             |                  |                    |           |                     |                               |            |  |
| July ..    | 285.5                                | 283.3     | 99.3        | 98.7             | 44.9               | 27.5      | 1.0                 | 1.7                           | 841.9      | 47.6   |
| August ..  | 287.4                                | 285.0     | 100.2       | 99.6             | 45.6               | 28.0      | 1.0                 | 1.7                           | 848.5      | 47.0   |
| September  | 288.9                                | 286.8     | 100.7       | 99.4             | 45.7               | 28.1      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 852.4      | 46.4   |
| October    | 290.7                                | 288.2     | 101.0       | 99.8             | 46.0               | 28.3      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 856.8      | 45.9   |
| November   | 292.5                                | 289.8     | 101.6       | 100.3            | 46.2               | 28.5      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 861.7      | 45.4   |
| December   | 293.2                                | 290.2     | 101.7       | 100.6            | 46.0               | 28.5      | 1.0                 | 1.7                           | 862.9      | 44.8   |
| January..  | 295.3                                | 293.0     | 101.4       | 101.6            | 46.3               | 28.7      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 869.1      | 44.3   |
| February   | 296.9                                | 294.1     | 100.8       | 102.3            | 46.3               | 29.2      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 872.4      | 43.9   |
| March ..   | 297.7                                | 294.8     | 100.5       | 102.4            | 46.3               | 29.4      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 873.9      | 43.5   |
| April ..   | 299.3                                | 295.5     | 100.8       | 102.4            | 46.5               | 29.6      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 876.9      | 42.8   |
| May ..     | 299.0                                | 295.7     | 100.7       | 101.5            | 46.2               | 29.7      | 1.0                 | 1.8                           | 875.6      | 42.3   |
| June ..    | 304.5                                | 300.8     | 102.7       | 103.7            | 47.2               | 30.1      | 1.1                 | 1.8                           | (b) 891.9  | 41.8   |

(a) Included with South Australia. interest was added in June

(b) Interest added—1949-50, £12.2m.; 1950-51, £12.8m.; 1951-52, £14.0m. The major part of this

# INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

(Per Cent.)

| Period.             | Trading Banks.<br>Interest on Fixed Deposits. |              |               |               | C'wealth.<br>Savings<br>Bank.                      | Treasury<br>Bills<br>(Discount<br>Rates). | C'wealth. Govt. Securities.        |                              | Private First<br>Mortgages<br>Registered<br>in New<br>South Wales<br>—Urban<br>Securities. |
|---------------------|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|--|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
|                     | 3<br>months.                                  | 6<br>months. | 12<br>months. | 24<br>months. | Deposits<br>(maxi-<br>mum<br>rate of<br>interest). |   | Taxed at 1930<br>C'wealth. Rates.  |                              |  |
|                     |   |              |               |               |  |   | Under 5<br>years.                  | 10 years and<br>over.        |  |
|                     |   |              |               |               |  |   | (a)                                | (a)                          | (b)  |
| 1936-37 ..          | 2.0   | 2.5          | 2.75          | 3.0           | 2.0  | 1.75                                      | 3.57                               | 3.94                         | 5.3  |
| 1937-38 ..          | 2.0   | 2.5          | 2.75          | 3.0           | 2.0  | 1.75                                      | 3.30                               | 3.71                         | 5.4  |
| 1938-39 ..          | 2.0   | 2.5          | 2.75          | 3.0           | 2.0  | 1.75                                      | 3.67                               | 3.84                         | 5.5  |
|                     |   |              |               |               |  |   | Taxed at Current<br>C'wlth. Rates. |                              |  |
|                     |   |              |               |               |  |   | Short-<br>dated,<br>2 years.       | Long-<br>dated,<br>12 years. |  |
|                     |   |              |               |               |  |   | (c)                                | (c)                          |  |
| 1945-46 ..          | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.10          | d 1.60        | 2.0  | 1.00                                      | 2.19                               | 3.24                         | 4.7  |
| 1946-47 ..          | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.60          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 1.00                                      | 1.93                               | 3.21                         | 4.5  |
| 1947-48 ..          | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 1.00                                      | 2.34                               | 3.16                         | 4.4  |
| 1948-49 ..          | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.96                                      | 2.07                               | 3.12                         | 4.4  |
| 1949-50 ..          | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 1.95                               | 3.13                         | 4.4  |
| 1950-51 ..          | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 1.99                               | 3.21                         | 4.4  |
| 1951-52 ..          | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.05                               | 3.95                         | 4.4  |
| 1949-50—<br>June .. | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 1.95                               | 3.15                         | 4.4  |
| 1950-51—<br>July .. | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 1.96                               | 3.14                         | 4.4  |
| August ..           | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.00                               | 3.15                         | 4.4  |
| September ..        | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 1.97                               | 3.15                         | 4.4  |
| October ..          | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 1.96                               | 3.13                         | 4.4  |
| November ..         | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 1.96                               | 3.14                         | 4.4  |
| December ..         | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.00                               | 3.17                         | 4.4  |
| January ..          | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 1.98                               | 3.15                         | 4.4  |
| February ..         | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.00                               | 3.21                         | 4.4  |
| March ..            | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.02                               | 3.27                         | 4.4  |
| April ..            | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.00                               | 3.28                         | 4.4  |
| May ..              | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.00                               | 3.24                         | 4.4  |
| June ..             | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.05                               | 3.51                         | 4.4  |
| 1951-52—<br>July .. | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.03                               | 3.73                         | 4.4  |
| August ..           | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.03                               | 3.82                         | 4.4  |
| September ..        | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.04                               | 3.83                         | 4.4  |
| October ..          | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.01                               | 3.80                         | 4.4  |
| November ..         | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.02                               | 3.76                         | 4.4  |
| December ..         | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 1.99                               | 3.75                         | 4.4  |
| January ..          | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.04                               | 3.82                         | 4.4  |
| February ..         | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.03                               | 3.82                         | 4.4  |
| March ..            | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.00                               | 3.81                         | 4.4  |
| April ..            | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.07                               | 4.19                         | 4.4  |
| May ..              | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.13                               | 4.43                         | 4.4  |
| June ..             | 0.50  | 0.75         | 1.00          | 1.50          | 2.0  | 0.75                                      | 2.21                               | 4.62                         | 4.4  |

(a) Weighted averages for last Wednesday in month. Calculated, when loans above par, on earliest date of maturity.  
 (b) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown. (c) Rate for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month.  
 (d) For December, 1945, and onward 1.50 per cent. on first £10,000 of deposit; 1.00 per cent. on amounts in excess.

# EXCHANGE RATES AND GOLD PRICES.

| Period.         | Exchange Rates.         |                        |                           | Gold Prices.     |                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|                 | Australia on London.(a) | London on New York.(a) | Australia on New York.(b) | Australia.(c)    | London.             |
|                 | £A. per £100 stg.       | \$ per £ stg.          | \$ per £ A.               | £A. per fine oz. | £ stg. per fine oz. |
| 1936-37 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.939                  | 3.929                     | 8.761            | 7.041               |
| 1937-38 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.980                  | 3.961                     | 8.690            | 7.001               |
| 1938-39 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.738                  | 3.759                     | 9.137            | 7.340               |
| 1945-46 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.030                  | 3.198                     | 10.763           | 8.613               |
| 1946-47 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.030                  | 3.199                     | 10.763           | 8.613               |
| 1947-48 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.030                  | 3.200                     | 10.763           | 8.613               |
| 1948-49 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 4.030                  | 3.204                     | 10.763           | 8.613               |
| 1949-50 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 3.074                  | 2.445                     | 14.443           | 11.557              |
| 1950-51 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| 1951-52 .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.796                  | 2.224                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| 1950-51—        |                         |                        |                           |                  |                     |
| July .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| August .. ..    | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| September .. .. | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| October .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| November .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| December .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| January .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| February .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| March .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| April .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| May .. ..       | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| June .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| 1951-52—        |                         |                        |                           |                  |                     |
| July .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| August .. ..    | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| September .. .. | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| October .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| November .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| December .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.795                  | 2.225                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| January .. ..   | 125.25                  | 2.782                  | 2.213                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| February .. ..  | 125.25                  | 2.781                  | 2.213                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| March .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.797                  | 2.225                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| April .. ..     | 125.25                  | 2.808                  | 2.234                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| May .. ..       | 125.25                  | 2.800                  | 2.228                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |
| June .. ..      | 125.25                  | 2.785                  | 2.216                     | 15.492           | 12.400              |

(a) Average of buying and selling rates for Telegraphic Transfers. (b) Selling rate. Direct quotations. (c) Average price paid by the mints in Australia.

# LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

| Period.           | New Policies Issued.(b) |              |                        |              | Premiums.(c)         |                        | Claims, &c., Paid.(d) |                        | New Loans Granted.<br>(e) |        |
|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------|
|                   | Ordinary Department.    |              | Industrial Department. |              | Ordinary Department. | Industrial Department. | Ordinary Department.  | Industrial Department. |                           |        |
|                   | Number.                 | Sum Assured. | Number.                | Sum Assured. |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |        |
|                   |                         | £'000.       |                        | £'000.       |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           | £'000. |
| Monthly Averages. |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |        |
| 1937 .. ..        | 12,296                  | 4,120        | 36,148                 | 1,684        | 1,045                | 474                    | 747                   | 223                    | n.a.                      |        |
| 1938 .. ..        | 11,470                  | 3,867        | 32,757                 | 1,530        | 1,075                | 617                    | 781                   | 246                    | n.a.                      |        |
| 1939 .. ..        | 11,292                  | 3,886        | 32,124                 | 1,545        | 1,144                | 541                    | 833                   | 303                    | n.a.                      |        |
| 1945 .. ..        | 10,918                  | 5,086        | 24,197                 | 1,636        | 1,635                | 781                    | 1,016                 | 409                    | n.a.                      |        |
| 1946 .. ..        | 17,057                  | 8,341        | 29,891                 | 2,218        | 1,839                | 823                    | 1,092                 | 433                    | n.a.                      |        |
| 1947(a) ..        | 19,808                  | 9,549        | 26,271                 | 2,316        | 2,113                | 889                    | 1,052                 | 456                    | n.a.                      |        |
| 1947-48(a) ..     | 20,171                  | 10,077       | 26,915                 | 2,492        | 2,258                | 910                    | 1,044                 | 471                    | 1,057                     |        |
| 1948-49 ..        | 20,201                  | 10,618       | 25,254                 | 2,458        | 2,539                | 967                    | 1,112                 | 497                    | 1,476                     |        |
| 1949-50 ..        | 20,492                  | 12,176       | 24,999                 | 2,509        | 2,877                | 1,003                  | 1,224                 | 512                    | 2,778                     |        |
| 1950-51 ..        | 21,642                  | 15,206       | 22,713                 | 2,423        | 3,210                | 1,043                  | 1,310                 | 491                    | 3,893                     |        |
| Monthly Totals.   |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |        |
| 1949-50—          |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |        |
| May .. ..         | 21,344                  | 13,196       | 32,123                 | 3,283        | 3,202                | 1,059                  | 1,404                 | 561                    | 2,620                     |        |
| June .. ..        | 21,341                  | 12,712       | 25,894                 | 2,689        | 3,791                | 1,053                  | 1,439                 | 535                    | 6,003                     |        |
| 1950-51—          |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |        |
| July .. ..        | 21,192                  | 13,847       | 27,600                 | 2,838        | 3,325                | 1,059                  | 1,309                 | 538                    | 3,286                     |        |
| August ..         | 23,897                  | 15,476       | 25,686                 | 2,671        | 3,257                | 1,053                  | 1,359                 | 530                    | 3,579                     |        |
| September ..      | 30,918                  | 18,353       | 28,496                 | 2,984        | 3,059                | 1,009                  | 1,422                 | 512                    | 2,768                     |        |
| October ..        | 18,273                  | 11,894       | 28,880                 | 2,930        | 3,020                | 1,087                  | 1,387                 | 527                    | 4,112                     |        |
| November ..       | 20,832                  | 14,221       | 23,539                 | 2,444        | 3,092                | 1,129                  | 1,348                 | 495                    | 3,451                     |        |
| December ..       | 24,895                  | 19,676       | 15,836                 | 1,642        | 3,359                | 1,198                  | 1,221                 | 470                    | 5,503                     |        |
| January ..        | 12,163                  | 8,221        | 8,162                  | 885          | 2,824                | 687                    | 1,077                 | 366                    | 2,692                     |        |
| February ..       | 15,816                  | 10,631       | 21,445                 | 2,307        | 2,712                | 1,021                  | 1,187                 | 463                    | 4,152                     |        |
| March .. ..       | 20,629                  | 15,251       | 22,817                 | 2,512        | 3,099                | 1,087                  | 1,240                 | 483                    | 3,956                     |        |
| April .. ..       | 20,965                  | 15,945       | 24,704                 | 2,728        | 3,049                | 1,078                  | 1,419                 | 476                    | 3,753                     |        |
| May .. ..         | 23,566                  | 18,249       | 23,044                 | 2,588        | 3,625                | 1,093                  | 1,405                 | 523                    | 4,803                     |        |
| June .. ..        | 26,558                  | 20,711       | 22,352                 | 2,543        | 4,096                | 1,022                  | 1,341                 | 513                    | 4,658                     |        |
| 1951-52—          |                         |              |                        |              |                      |                        |                       |                        |                           |        |
| July .. ..        | 24,178                  | 19,569       | 27,368                 | 3,138        | 3,964                | 1,119                  | 1,483                 | 576                    | 6,083                     |        |
| August .. ..      | 29,639                  | 21,861       | 23,916                 | 2,798        | 3,610                | 1,131                  | 1,410                 | 547                    | 4,560                     |        |
| September ..      | 29,451                  | 22,258       | 27,768                 | 3,405        | 3,466                | 1,013                  | 1,414                 | 503                    | 4,771                     |        |
| October ..        | 23,155                  | 18,376       | 26,172                 | 3,119        | 3,421                | 1,176                  | 1,549                 | 564                    | 4,333                     |        |
| November ..       | 23,659                  | 17,291       | 22,817                 | 2,763        | 3,541                | 1,228                  | 1,471                 | 570                    | 3,599                     |        |
| December ..       | 28,745                  | 26,194       | 17,366                 | 2,100        | 3,586                | 1,209                  | 1,316                 | 492                    | 3,999                     |        |
| January ..        | 12,675                  | 9,102        | 8,110                  | 970          | 3,281                | 745                    | 1,302                 | 427                    | 3,244                     |        |
| February ..       | 18,206                  | 13,932       | 21,745                 | 2,641        | 3,251                | 1,118                  | 1,369                 | 558                    | 3,418                     |        |
| March .. ..       | 23,337                  | 16,515       | 30,099                 | 3,754        | 3,612                | 1,150                  | 1,489                 | 583                    | 3,103                     |        |
| April .. ..       | 20,371                  | 16,980       | 20,496                 | 2,519        | 3,566                | 1,040                  | 1,441                 | 500                    | 3,146                     |        |

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

# COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)

(£'000.)

| Government of—          | July–May, 1950–51. |              |                            | July–May, 1951–52. |              |                            |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                         | Revenue.           | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (–). | Revenue.           | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (–). |
| New South Wales(b) ..   | 109,390            | 114,794      | — 5,404                    | 146,666            | 148,359      | — 1,693                    |
| Victoria .. ..          | 48,414             | 55,639       | — 7,225                    | 66,704             | 73,517       | — 6,813                    |
| Queensland .. ..        | 37,598             | 39,156       | — 1,558                    | 49,250             | 49,075       | + 175                      |
| South Australia .. ..   | 26,857             | 27,248       | — 391                      |                    |              |                            |
| Western Australia .. .. | 24,690             | 25,989       | — 1,299                    | 30,149             | 31,245       | — 1,096                    |
| Tasmania .. ..          | 6,533              | 7,255        | — 722                      | 8,914              | 9,847        | — 933                      |
| Six States .. ..        | 253,482            | 270,081      | — 16,599                   |                    |              |                            |
| Commonwealth .. ..      | 711,043            | 695,031      | + 16,012                   | 850,457            | 800,265      | + 50,192                   |
| Grand Total .. ..       | 877,491            | 878,078      | — 587                      |                    |              |                            |

| Government of—          | 1950–51.  |              |                            | 1951–52 Estimate. |              |                            |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
|                         | Revenue.  | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (–). | Revenue.          | Expenditure. | Surplus(+) or Deficit (–). |
| New South Wales(b) ..   | 130,653   | 130,620      | + 33                       | 167,482           | 167,077      | + 405                      |
| Victoria .. ..          | 63,544    | 63,888       | — 344                      | 80,126            | 80,610       | — 484                      |
| Queensland .. ..        | 44,723    | 44,625       | + 98                       | 52,270            | 52,234       | + 36                       |
| South Australia .. ..   | 31,072    | 30,842       | + 230                      | 37,258            | 37,243       | + 15                       |
| Western Australia .. .. | 28,973    | 28,814       | + 159                      | 33,096            | 33,158       | — 62                       |
| Tasmania .. ..          | 7,820     | 8,066        | — 246                      | 9,815             | 10,274       | — 459                      |
| Six States .. ..        | 306,785   | 306,855      | — 70                       | 380,047           | 380,596      | — 549                      |
| Commonwealth .. ..      | 841,792   | 841,792      | ..                         | 1,056,104         | 941,572      | + 114,532                  |
| Grand Total .. ..       | 1,034,300 | 1,034,370    | — 70                       | 1,292,225         | 1,178,242    | + 113,983                  |

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted. (b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget.

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATES : SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

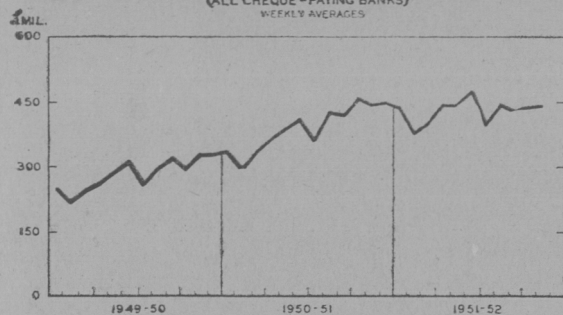
(£'000.)

| Where Redeemable.   | Commonwealth Securities issued on behalf of— |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           | Total.  |
|---------------------|--|------------------|-----------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------|
|                     | Commonwealth.                                | New South Wales. | Victoria. | Queensland. | South Australia. | Western Australia. | Tasmania. |         |
| At 30th June, 1952— |  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |         |
| Australia (b) ..    | 153,280                                      |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           | 153,280 |
| London .. ..        | 970  | 9,796            | 5,805     | ..          | 3,816            | 2,960              | 491       | 23,838  |
| At 30th June, 1951— |  |                  |           |             |                  |                    |           |         |
| Australia (b) ..    | 108,280                                      |                  | 2,000     | ..          |                  |                    | 400       | 110,680 |
| London .. ..        | 1,220  | 9,796            | 5,805     | ..          | 3,816            | 2,960              | 491       | 24,088  |

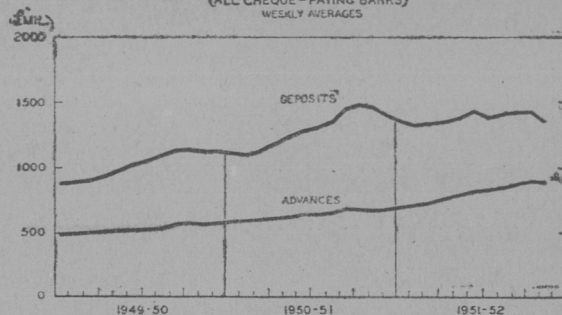
(a) Excludes overdrafts. For debt redeemable in Australia the unit of currency is £1 Australian; in London, £1 sterling. (b) Excludes Internal Treasury Bills.



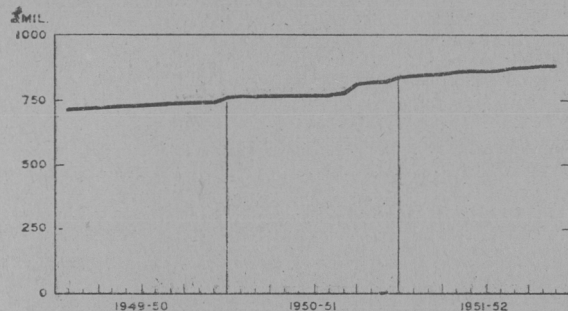
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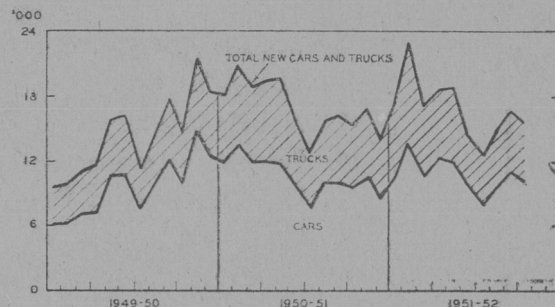
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WEEKLY AVERAGES



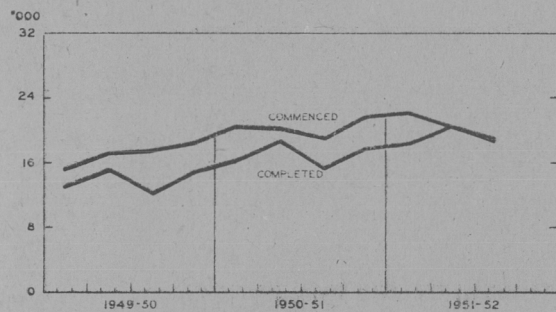
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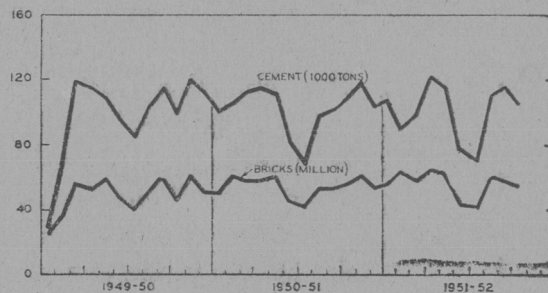
NEW CARS AND TRUCKS REGISTERED



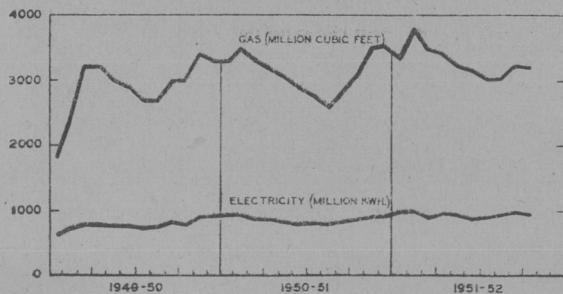
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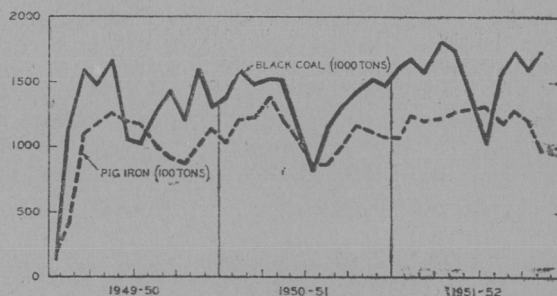
PRODUCTION OF BRICKS AND CEMENT



PRODUCTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY



PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND PIG IRON





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